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Christensen: 'a new day for UNO athletics' Alberts confirmed as new athletic director; starts new role today

SCOTT STEWART
NEWS EDITOR

After nearly a month of speculation, Trev Alberts was officially named the athletic director of the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Alberts, 37, was offered the position Sunday night by Chancellor John

Christensen. Because of scheduling conflicts, the announcement was made Wednesday at a news conference in the Thompson Alumni Center.

The occasion marked a new chapter in the history of Maverick athletics, Christensen said.

"I would characterize today as marking a new day for UNO athletics," Christensen said. "I think that it is particularly important that this is occurring during our hundred-years celebration, where we've spent a lot of time as a campus planning on where it is we're going and what the future of this campus is going to be. I think from an athletics perspective, this is the foundation for tomorrow."

Alberts will take over as athletic director Friday, replacing

outgoing Athletic Director David Miller, who accepted a position at Upper Iowa University in March. Alberts is under contract with the university through June 30, 2011.

As athletic director, Alberts' responsibilities include developing and communicating a vision for the department; budgeting; marketing and public relations; and maintaining compliance with NCAA and conference regulations and standards, according to the job description for the position. He will also be responsible for developing and implementing a comprehensive fundraising and marketing plan for athletics.

Alberts will be paid a minimum annual salary of \$150,000 plus standard university benefits, according to his contract. In addition, he will receive a family golf membership at the Champions Run Golf Course, 12 hours of vacation per month, a supplemental stipend of at least \$12,000 annually towards the university's retirement plan and either an automobile from an Omaha area dealership or a \$600 monthly car allowance.

The first task Alberts will undertake is developing
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So far, legislators maintain funding increases for NU

SCOTT STEWART
NEWS EDITOR

The Appropriations Committee of the Nebraska Legislature released its state budget proposal for the state budget on Wednesday.

In the proposal, the University of Nebraska system kept a 2.0 percent funding increase for the 2009-10 fiscal year and a 1.5 percent increase for the 2010-11 fiscal year.

Gov. Dave Heineman had proposed a 1.0 percent increase for both fiscal years in his budget recommendations released in January. The Appropriations Committee had increased the allocation to 1.5 percent for each fiscal year in its preliminary budget.

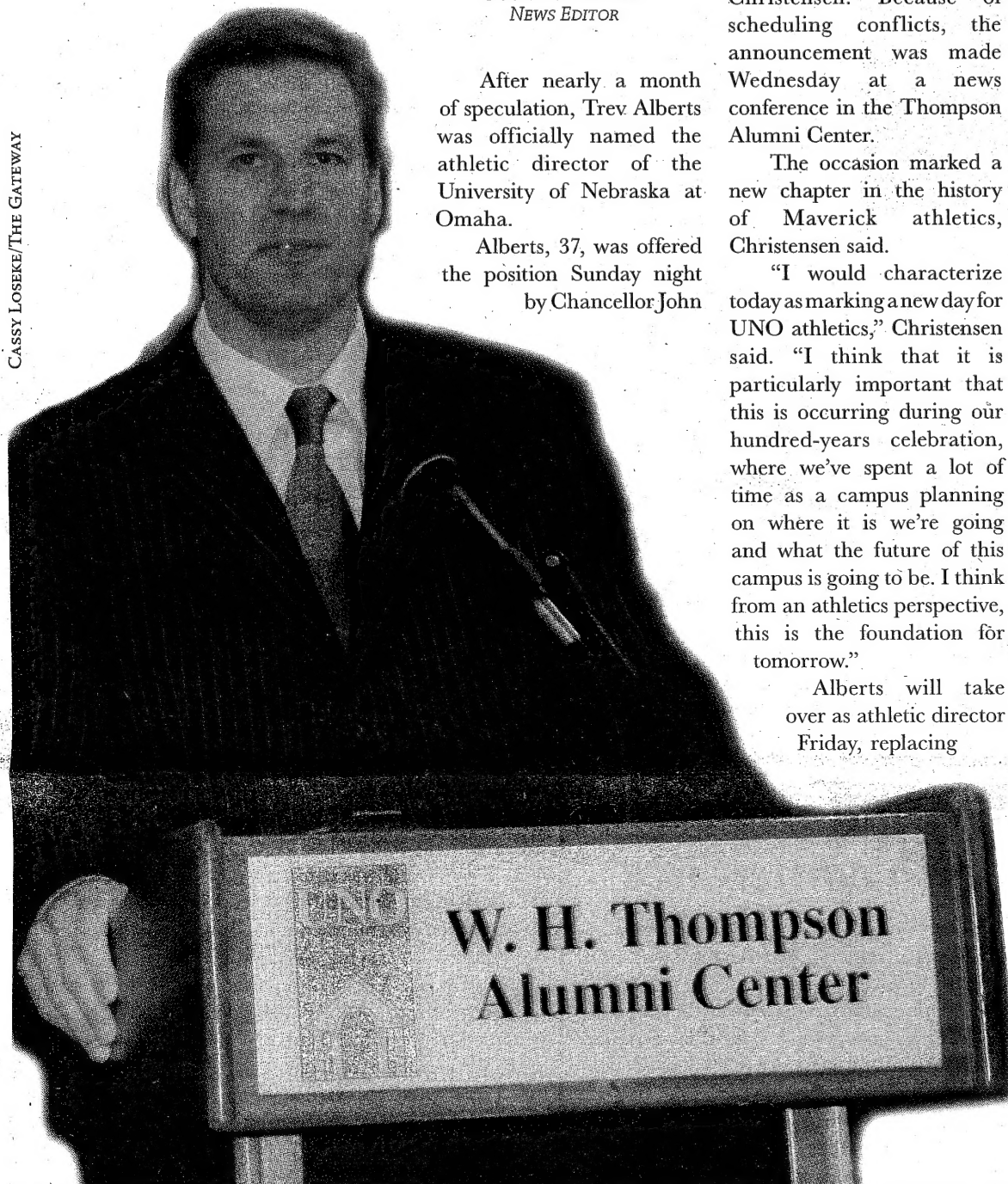
NU President James B. Milliken attributed the increases to lobbying efforts by university supporters, adding that a lot of work remains before the budget is finalized.

Nebraska lawmakers will now begin debating the state budget, with a final proposal due by May 18. The Board of Regents will then meet on June 12 to adopt a finalized university budget and set tuition rates for the 2009-10 academic year.

Milliken will announce individual campus budget figures on June 19, and Chancellor John Christensen will make final allocations to university colleges and departments by July 1, the beginning of the 2009-10 fiscal year.

A full copy of the Appropriations Committee's recommendations can be downloaded at www.unicam.state.ne.us. For more information on the UNO budget, visit www.unomaha.edu/budgetadvisorytf.

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McGinnis chosen to head Peter Kiewit Institute

NICHOLE CROUSE
STAFF WRITER

After a national candidate search and a series of four public forums, Michael L. McGinnis has been appointed the executive director and chief science officer for the Peter Kiewit Institute.

University of Nebraska President James B. Milliken made the appointment last week, and the NU Board of Regents confirmed it by unanimous consent.

The search to fill the new position began last October as a result of the adoption of a new charter for the institute that suggested specific ways to build off of the institute's success in the future.

"I am particularly pleased about the appointment of Dr. Michael McGinnis,"

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Alumnus to be honored at commencement; new graduates encouraged to join young alumni group

NICHOLE CROUSE
STAFF WRITER

Next week's commencement ceremony will mark a milestone in the lives of many graduating seniors and one alumnus.

During the ceremony, Lloyd Roitstein, scout executive and president of the Mid-America Council of the Boy Scouts of America, will be presented with the Alumni Association's Citation for Alumnus Achievement.

The award, given at each commencement, is given to honor an alumnus who excels in career achievement, community service and fidelity to UNO. Roitstein will be the 149th recipient of the award.

In 1971, Roitstein earned his bachelor's degree in education and is completing his 17th year as leader of the Mid-America Council, where he supervises 34,000 scouts in Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota.

To reach his position, Roitstein said he worked harder than anyone else and enjoyed his work.

"I also surrounded myself with good

staff and great volunteer leaders," Roitstein said.

Roitstein said the graduating class would should develop a plan for success, make sure there is opportunity for advancement and work toward it.

"Be passionate about what you do," Roitstein said.

In the face of the present economy, specifically the increasing unemployment rates, Roitstein said he suggests graduating seniors research the companies of interest and network.

"It won't come to you," Roitstein said. "Know what you want and go after it more aggressively than anyone else."

There are plenty of careers for good people, Roitstein said.

While honoring Roitstein, the UNO Alumni Association will also invite new graduates into their subgroup, the Young Alumni.

Since its start two years ago, the Young Alumni group has better served



This semester's commencement ceremony will be May 8 at 2 p.m. at the Civic Auditorium, located at 18th Street and Capital Avenue. (VALERIE LOSEKE/THE GATEWAY)

the demographic of graduates who are under 40, said Jayson Bisbee, the Alumni Association's communications chair.

"It finds ways to reconnect with the university and with other alumni," Bisbee said.

The spring commencement ceremony will be held on May 8 at the Omaha Civic Auditorium, located at 18th Street and Capital Avenue. The ceremony begins at 2 p.m., but participants are expected to arrive no later than 1:15 p.m.

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Voting underway for Omaha mayor, city council elections

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The spring semester may nearly be over, but the Omaha municipal general election has just begun.

The first day for in-person early voting was Monday, with early voting being conducted at the Douglas County Election Commission offices, located at 225 N. 115th St., through 5 p.m. on May 11.

Polls will open at 8 a.m. on May 12 for the citywide general election and will remain open until 8 p.m. All early voting ballots must be turned to the commission at that time as well.

Voter registration is being conducted at the Douglas County Election Commission offices through May 1 at 6 p.m. The deadline for mailed voter registrations, registering at other locations and registering through a proxy passed last week.

The general election is held for the office of mayor as well as the members of the Omaha City Council. The primary was held on April 7.

Candidates for the offices, and the percentage of votes they received in the primary, are as follows:

Mayor

Hal Daub (R) – 35.57 percent
Jim Suttle (D) – 34.63 percent

City Council District 1

Pete Festersen (D) – 68.57 percent
Sharon Chvala (R) – 30.38 percent

City Council District 2

Ben Gray (D) – 39.76 percent
Frank Brown (D) – 39.61 percent

City Council District 3

Chris Jerram (D) – 23.41 percent
Chip Maxwell (R) – 22.93 percent

City Council District 4

Joseph P. Velasquez (D) – 18.64 percent
Garry Gernandt (D) – 80.60 percent

City Council District 5

Jon Blumenthal (R) – 34.16 percent
Jean Stothert (R) – 65.40 percent

City Council District 6

Franklin T. Thompson (R) – 55.50 percent
Walt Pepper (R) – 44.08 percent

City Council District 7

Chuck Sigerson (R) – 93.48 percent

For complete results from the primary, more information on the candidates or more information about the election, visit the Douglas County Election Commission's Web site, votedouglascounty.com.

College of Business Administration to host national health conference

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The Nebraska Business Development Center, a division of the College of Business Administration, is set to host the 11th annual Small Business Innovation Research national conference this summer.

The two-day conference will take place June 30 and July 1. It is organized by the National Institutes of Health and will be held at the Qwest Center.

The annual conference creates awareness of the Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Technology Transfer program.

It also provides small businesses and entrepreneurs with ideas and an opportunity to meet with NIH staff to get one-on-one information about how the program is put into practice and how to access the funding available.

"If you or someone you know has an innovation or technology that could

improve health through biomedical and behavioral research and development, and you're looking for ways to raise capital to fund your efforts, you won't want to miss attending this event," said Lisa Tedesco, a Nebraska Business Development Center consultant.

Congress established the small business program in 1982 to help grow small businesses and entrepreneurs to develop the economy.

"Small businesses often hear about government grants to grow their businesses," said Robert Bernier, assistant dean for the Nebraska Business Development Center. "The Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Technology Transfer program is really the only such government program."

With the economic environment in its current state, the program also provides another source of funds for entrepreneurs looking to transform their maturing ideas

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Swine flu hits Douglas County as world braces for possible pandemic

SCOTT STEWART
NEWS EDITOR

A probable case of swine flu – the H1N1 influenza virus – has been discovered in Douglas County, according to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

The case involves a man in his 40s who traveled to Omaha from San Diego, Calif., said Adi Pour, director of the Douglas County Health Department.

"We are working closely with the Douglas County Health Department to keep on top of things," said Joann Schaefer, chief medical officer for the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

The World Health Organization reported 148 cases of swine influenza in nine countries, including 91 laboratory-confirmed cases in the United States and 26 confirmed cases in Mexico as of Wednesday.

The swine flu virus is believed to have caused more than 150 deaths and sickened thousands of people in Mexico, however.

U.S. officials said the nation is in a "pre-pandemic" period, but Texas health officials said swine flu killed a 22-month-old boy from Mexico City earlier this week. Lab tests by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta confirmed the cause of death.

Influenza pandemics historically have struck about three times a century. About 40 million people died in the global flu outbreak of 1918-1919, but about 36,000 people die each year in the U.S. of seasonal flu.

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CRIME LOG

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SCOTT STEWART
NEWS EDITOR

Wednesday, April 22

2:25 a.m. Campus Security responded to a complaint of a male urinating in Lot L. Further investigation disclosed two visitors in violation of alcohol laws. The alcohol was confiscated.

9:30 a.m. A student reported a visitor was carrying a concealed firearm on campus. Investigation disclosed the visitor was carrying a cell phone.

2:45 p.m. A student reported the theft of personal property from the Milo Bail Student Center. The theft occurred between 5:05 p.m., Tuesday, April 21, and 11 a.m., Wednesday, April 22.

11:50 p.m. A staff member reported graffiti on the sidewalk east of Arts and Sciences Hall and on a newspaper box.

Thursday, April 23

12:50 a.m. While on patrol of University Drive South, Campus Security discovered an alcohol violation. The alcohol was confiscated. Two students were referred for disciplinary action.

10:27 a.m. A student reported the theft of a bicycle from the bike rack located north of the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building. The theft occurred on Thursday, Feb. 19, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Friday, April 24

12:17 a.m. While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity in Lot M. Further investigation disclosed two visitors with alcohol violations. Omaha police issued both visitors citations for minor in possession.

1:15 a.m. While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity at the Dodge Street location. Further investigation disclosed the suspects had been asked to leave university property at the Pacific Street location. Further contact led to issuing a ban and bar letter to one visitor.

11:45 a.m. A student reported the theft of personal property from the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building. The incident occurred between 10:40 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

Monday, April 27

5:25 p.m. A student reported the theft of personal property from Arts and Sciences Hall. The incident occurred between 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., Thursday, March 12.



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Journalism panel gives high school students window into media trends

NICHOLE CROUSE
STAFF WRITER

The Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom was packed Thursday afternoon with almost 350 high school students attending an annual high school journalism conference sponsored by the School of Communication.

Earlier in the day, about 90 students had toured the journalism and communication facilities on campus. They were joined by more students, advisors, teachers and parents in the early afternoon for lunch and a panel discussion on new trends in the media industry.

The panel was moderated by Hugh Reilly, an associate professor of communication, and consisted of Matt Tompkins, imaging director for Clear Channel Radio in Omaha; Karyn Spencer, an investigative reporter for the Omaha World-Herald; and LeAnne Morman, a backpack journalist for WOWT.

The central theme of the discussion was the effect the Internet and social networking Web sites have on traditional media outlets – newspapers, radio and television. The panel addressed the direction of the media within the next five years.

Five years is an extremely long time in the media industry, and many changes could occur within that time, Tompkins said. Changes might include the way the Internet is used to receive news and the merging of news outlets.

Morman touched on the challenges of staying ahead of the technology curve in broadcast media and how viewers will affect how stories are produced.

With many in the industry concerned about the future of print journalism, Spencer said, within the next five years,

newspapers will likely transition to a more in-depth, magazine-style coverage.

Panelists also discussed how privacy, accuracy and ethics are all impacted by social networking Web sites.

Social networking can be a great source for researching in investigative reporting, adding to the ability to cover breaking news at the scene in real time, Spencer said. The use of social networking is a great way to generate story ideas as well, Morman said.

After the discussion, panelists were asked to give advice to students.

Spencer stressed the passion that students must have in order to follow journalism as a career. Morman shared a bit of advice she was taught: "Every story you tell matters just as much as the other."

Sherrie Wilson, an associate professor of communication, has organized the event for almost 10 years. She said both the panel and the conference was a success.

"I think in the long run it went really well," Wilson said. "We've moved into broadcasting in the last few years. I think more and more high schools are doing that. We feed them, we give them some educational things with the panel and then give them awards, so we have a little bit of everything."

Ryan Swanigan, a sophomore at Papillion-LaVista High School, who won an award for a winter sports wrap-up, said the panel was informative.

"I thought that was great," Swanigan said. "I want to go into the sports announcing field and eventually work my way up to a major station like Fox, so having the panel up here really helped out with knowing what I need to do to get where I want to go."

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Milliken said. "He's coming to the Peter Kiewit Institute with an outstanding academic record and a record of outstanding leadership."

McGinnis will leave his current position as executive director of Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center at Old Dominion University and begin work in Omaha on June 10.

McGinnis was previously the head of the Systems Engineering Department at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, his alma mater. He retired from the Army as a brigadier general with 29 years of military service.

The goals of the institute that McGinnis will try to realize are to invest in and expand research, increase finances for the institute, build more strategic partnerships and graduate more students from the institute's colleges and programs.

McGinnis was chosen from a field of 40 applicants selected by the committee with the aid of executive search firm Heidrick and Struggles.

The committee, chaired by Vice President and Provost Linda Pratt, included

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While this particular strain of swine flu has the potential to spark the next influenza pandemic – meaning it could infect millions around the world – that news is not as dire as it seems, said Phil Smith, chief of the section of infectious diseases at UNMC and medical director for the Nebraska Biocontainment Unit.

Those who come down with flu symptoms should treat it as they do a normal flu, meaning they should rest and closely monitor their situations and contact their healthcare provider should the illness persist or worsen after a couple days, Smith said.

Millions of doses of the antiviral drugs Tamiflu and Relenza have been shipped to each state from the U.S. strategic national stockpile and should arrive by May 3, said

faculty from UNL, UNO and UNMC as well as a UNO student majoring in majoring in computer science, management information systems faculty member Kim Nelson and several area business leaders.

The initial applicants were narrowed down to nine candidates and finally to four finalists, each of whom spoke at forums held at PKI. Faculty and students questioned each candidate, and Milliken invited their input in the selection process.

"[McGinnis] was very, very well received with the groups that met with him," Milliken said. "He's really enthusiastic."

McGinnis said he was deeply honored to be selected for the position.

"My wife, Tracy, and I are excited to be joining the University of Nebraska team and moving to Omaha," McGinnis said. "In moving PKI forward, we will build upon the notable progress and past accomplishments of the outstanding faculty and students from the UNL College of Engineering and the UNO College of Information Sciences and Technology."

News Editor Scott Stewart contributed reporting from Lincoln, Neb.

Richard Besser, the acting director of the CDC. There's no shortage of the drugs.

"I want to make it clear. These drugs are effective in treating patients who have acquired the 2009 H1N1 flu virus," said Kathleen Sebelius, the new secretary of Health and Human Services.

There is also no risk of infection from this virus from consumption of well-cooked pork and pork products, according to the WHO. The swine influenza virus is killed by cooking temperatures of 160 degrees Fahrenheit.

For more information on swine influenza, visit the CDC's Web site, cdc.gov/swineflu.

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Study: students expect above-average grades for attending class

KRISTIN HAWTHORNE
STAFF WRITER

A recent study released by researchers at the University of California, Irvine, found many students' grade expectations were higher than their work ethics to earn their grades.

One-third of the students studied said that they expected B's just for attending lectures, and 40 percent said they deserved a B for completing the required reading.

Barbara Robins, an assistant professor of English, said a student who accomplishes the basic minimum would earn a C. This grade, she said, indicates no additional engagement with the material that distinguishes above-average work.

"For me, a B is above average but not flawless," Robins said. "It shows good work, but plenty of room for improvement. Simply attending and completing required tasks does not earn a grade at all."

Joan Latchaw, an associate professor

of English, said the purpose of education is to gain knowledge. Simply attending class does not give a professor an indication of whether students are gaining knowledge.

Latchaw said she attributes this attitude to the business-type relationship between universities and students. Universities, she said, tend to adopt business models focusing on outcomes, which affects students' attitudes.

"One consequence is students often claim they are paying customers," Latchaw said. "They are entitled to come to class or not, [to] do assignments or not, since they are 'buying' an education."

Dan Campbell, a senior biology major, said that some students might feel a sense of entitlement because they experienced an easier grading system in high school compared to college.

"Here you have to work for it," Campbell said. "There's a gap between the two — a change between that world and the real world."

Grades, Campbell said, try to measure how you compare to others in the course. Earning a higher grade is an equal balance of studying, doing well on tests and going to class.

"You get out of it what you put into it," Campbell said.

If professors were to give grades according to what students thought they deserve, Campbell said, it would marginalize people who study and try to learn all they can.

Shaun Satterfield, a senior organizational sociology major, said students might demand better grades while putting forth little effort to enter the workforce quickly.

"Everyone wants to get the most with the least amount of work," Satterfield said. "They're just lazy."

Grades measure effort in class, not necessarily intelligence, Satterfield said. Sometimes it's not beneficial to use grades, because they don't always measure what

you learn.

"All it is, is a number on a transcript," Satterfield said.

Robins said while sometimes grades are just the calculation of accumulated points, a more discourse-based approach to assessing students' accomplishments would be time consuming. Latchaw also said the grading system might not measure the amount a student has learned during the semester.

"I'm not a fan of grades," Latchaw said. "I wish we didn't have them and concentrated instead on learning."

Regardless, Latchaw said she hopes grades symbolize what a student has achieved and areas the student needed to improve in.

"Students have to work to their best potential in my classes," Latchaw said. "In that regard, I don't exactly have the same expectations for everyone, though there is a necessary baseline."

Med Center professors dissect claims of GABA energy drink

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Jones Soda Co. recently launched Jones GABA, the first U.S. line of energy drink alternatives containing the natural amino acid also called GABA, gamma-amino butyric acid.

A tea-juice blend, Jones GABA is advertised to help enhance mental focus, balance and clarity. The amino acid has become popular in Japan and is expected to reach the same status in the U.S., according to the company's Web site.

Surinder K. Batra, a University of Nebraska Medical Center professor of biochemistry and molecular biology, said the amino acid is made solely to decrease anxiety and could give some form of energy.

"It is a neurotransmitter and is associated with the inhibition of the excitation function," Batra said.

Glenda Woscyna, the director of medical nutrition education for the School of Allied Health at UNMC, said Jones GABA contains essential nutrients and amino acids connected to neurological function.

From an advertising angle, Woscyna said manufacturers could

legally make statements regarding the function or structure of products without actually having to prove their claims.

"They don't have to prove it since it's not defined as a health claim," Woscyna said.

Their only obligation, Woscyna said, is to ensure the product is not harmful to consumers. Instead of citing support from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, companies like the Jones Soda Co. are able to use testimonials.

The soda company reported that several people who sampled Jones GABA noticed "improvements in their well-being, especially when compared to stimulant drinks," according to a news release.

"I drank Jones GABA right before doing some reading for school and actually noticed a greater ability to focus," said Carly Andrews, a Seattle Pacific University freshman. "Often before doing homework, I'll drink an energy drink to keep me awake and alert, but that causes me to be jittery."

Woscyna said use of testimonials rather than clinical trials is not a bad thing.

"It doesn't mean it has no positive value," Woscyna said. "It's just not proven."

University of Iowa joins list of campuses to receive large anonymous donations

CAITRIN SHIRAZI
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The University of Iowa recently received a gift of \$7 million from an anonymous donor.

The gift is similar to other anonymous donations received by other universities across the United States. Other campuses include: Binghamton University in New York, Montclair State University in New Jersey, the University of Southern Mississippi and, most recently, Michigan State University.

With the economic crisis causing endowments to shrink and an increased demand for financial aid, these gifts are a relief to establishments of higher education. So far, about \$70 million has been anonymously distributed to numerous colleges and universities nationwide.

Even though their identity is unknown, the donor or donors have asked all of the universities to use the majority of the money for scholarships for women and minorities. The rest will be used for other top campus

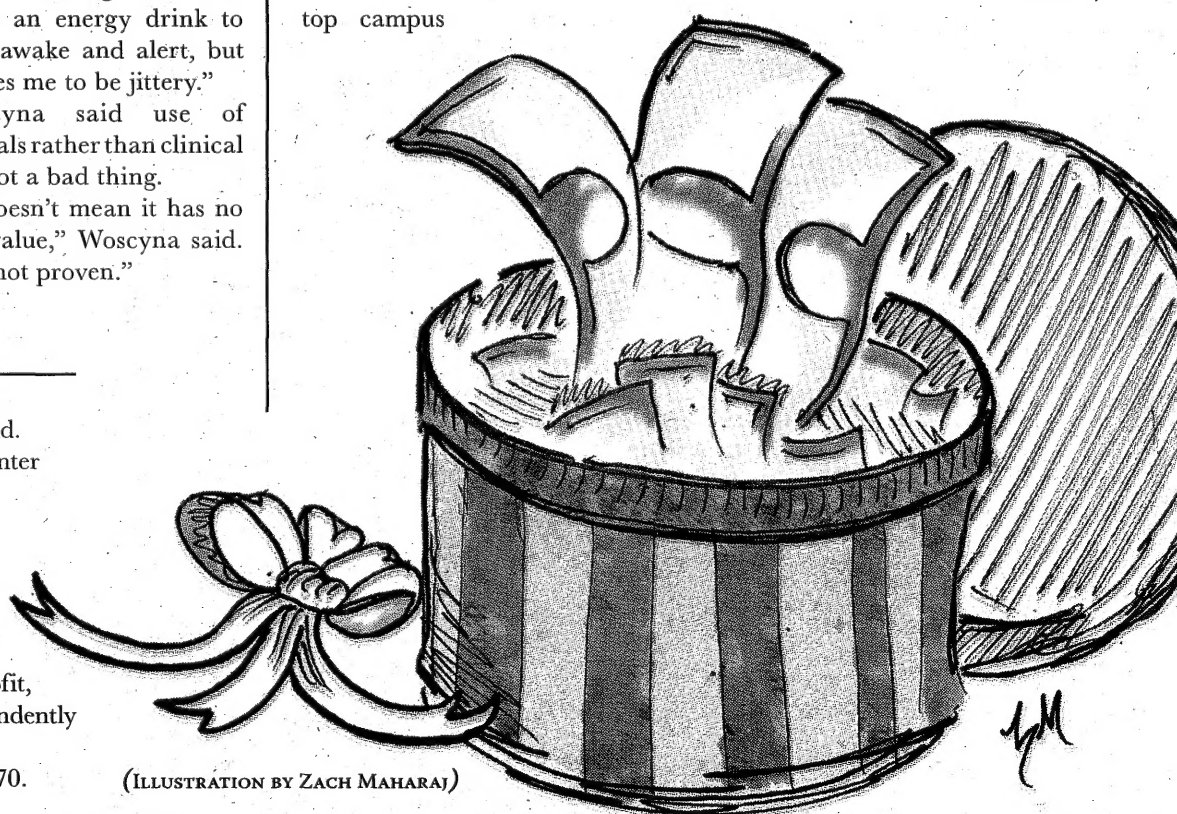
priorities.

University of Iowa President Sally Mason said the University of Iowa Foundation received the check a few weeks ago, but she has no clue where it came from. The University of Iowa was asked to use \$5 million of their donation for the scholarships for women and minorities and the other \$2 million as needed.

This donation was appreciated as the university faces a funding reduction from the state next year, even though it is highly unlikely the anonymous gift will be enough to offset the budget cuts. Mason said she doesn't believe that was the donor's intent.

Despite being anonymous, the donations have prompted a wave of speculation about the identity of the benefactor. Suggestions include a society of successful businesswomen, a shy female billionaire or Oprah.

One common factor among all the universities receiving donations is they are all led by women, something only true of about one in every five colleges in the country.



(ILLUSTRATION BY ZACH MAHARAJ)

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into strong, successful businesses, Tedesco said.

The Nebraska Business Development Center provides management and technical assistance to local businesses in Nebraska and has a Small Business Innovation Research assistance program. The program receives a majority of its funding from grants awarded by the Defense Logistics Agency, the Nebraska Department of Economic Development and the University of Nebraska President's Office.

To be eligible for the assistance program, businesses must be for profit, employ no more than 500 employees and be American-owned and independently operated.

For more information, visit sbirnebraska.unomaha.edu or call 554-6270.

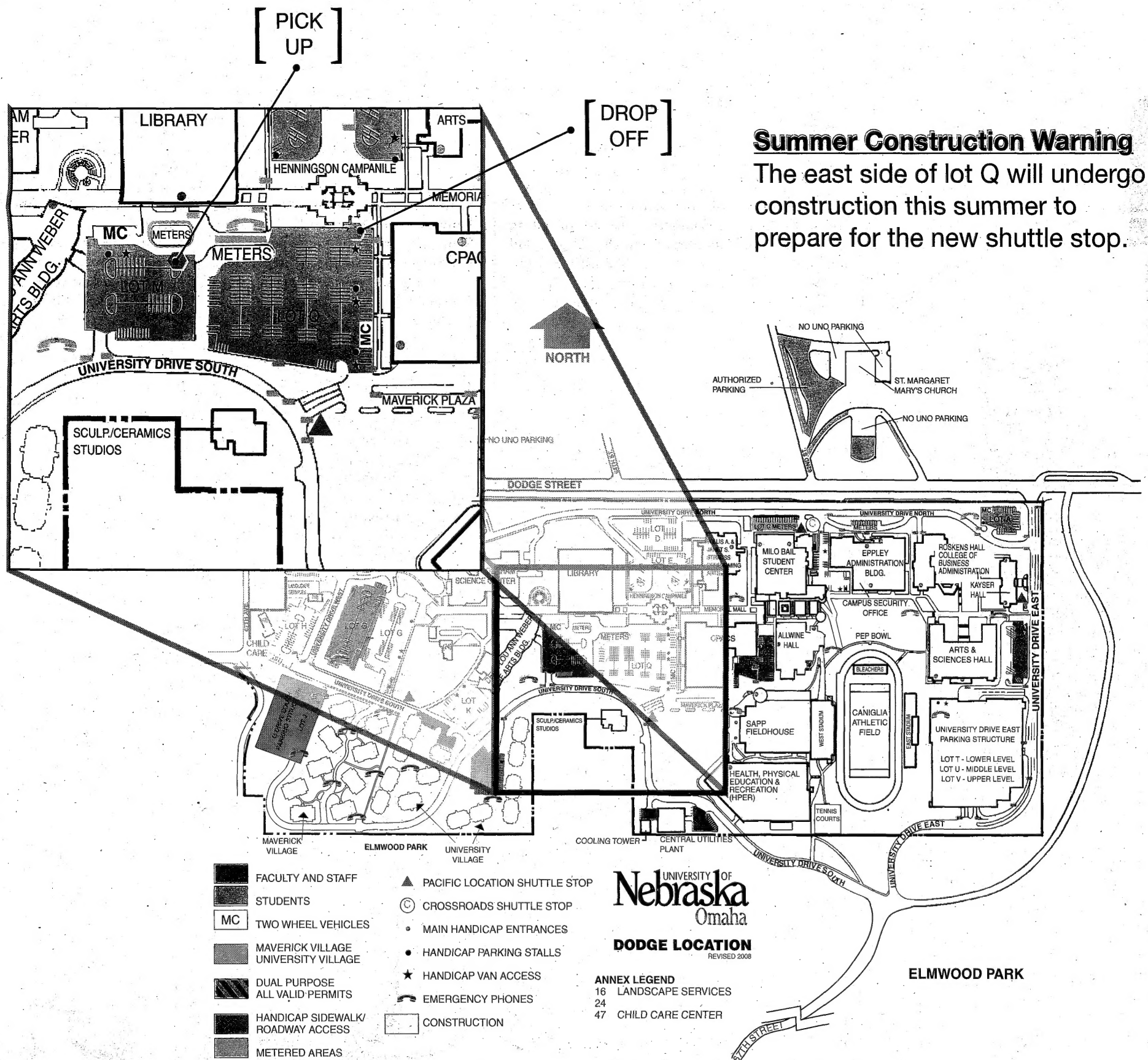
New Pacific Shuttle

Bus Route Next Fall

Starting in the Fall 2009 semester, the Pacific shuttle route will ONLY drop off at the northeast corner of Lot Q (near the bell tower) and pick up in the north part of lot M (lower level south of the library).

From Nov. 1, 2009 to March 12, 2010 there will be an inter-campus shuttle that will circle the Dodge location and drop off/pick up students at all the normal shuttle stops.

**The Crossroads shuttle route will remain the same.*



Contact Campus Security at 554.2648 for more information

Jags hope to enjoy Miller time

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Over the NFL Draft weekend former Maverick quarterback, Zach Miller became current Jacksonville Jaguar tight end Zach Miller. The Jaguars took Miller in the sixth round of the NFL Draft with the 180th pick overall with the hopes he will bring versatility and explosiveness to the tight end position.

After flying under the radar for much of the offseason, Miller's stock began to rise as the draft approached. Miller heard from several teams on the second day of the draft including the San Diego Chargers, the St. Louis Rams and the Washington Redskins before Jacksonville made him their pick at 180.

"I knew there was a decent chance I would be drafted," Miller said. "I had a lot of buzz at the right time."

Miller's first opportunity to wow NFL scouts came in January at the Valero Cactus Bowl, the All-Star game for Division II prospects. In his first game ever as tight end, Miller grabbed five catches for a team-high 116 yards and one touchdown. Scouts were shocked to learn that had been

Miller's first time playing the position.

Miller spent much of the offseason working out at TEST Sports Performance in New Jersey to work on his speed and route running. At UNO's pro day for NFL scouts, Miller's stock continued to rise after running a low-end time of 4.47 in the 40-yard dash, a blistering pace for a tight end.

Along with lining up at tight end, ex-quarterback Miller has the potential and skills to line up in the slot, or be split out as a wide receiver, or run the offense as a "Wildcat" quarterback.

"A lot of teams are going to this Wildcat stuff," Miller said. "I've obviously played option quarterback. It's a

possibility I have talked to the coaches about. Hopefully I can be used all over the football field."

The "Wildcat" offense was first implemented by the Miami Dolphins last season. Running back Ronnie Brown would line up at quarterback in the shotgun and pose difficulty for opposing defenses. "Wildcat" quarterbacks are versatile and athletic with the ability to run and pass out of the formation.

With the possibility of playing several positions, Miller's time at quarterback will serve him well. As a quarterback, Miller would learn the jobs and responsibilities of every player on the field.

"That's one advantage I have if I need to move all over the football field," Miller said. "My approach when I go in to learn the playbook is just to study every position and know it inside and out anyway."

The biggest adjustment for Miller in making the switch from quarterback to tight end is blocking. At 6-foot-4, 235 pounds, Miller is on the light side for a tight end and will need to learn blocking technique. Miller isn't worried about the contact of blocking. After rushing for more than 1,000 yards and 18 touchdowns as a senior it's obvious Miller doesn't shy away from contact. Offseason conditioning and training camp will help Miller bulk up for his new position.

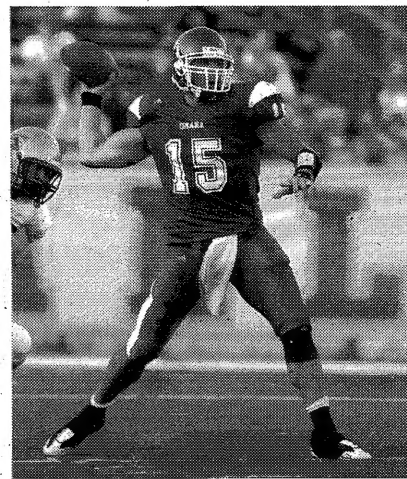
Jacksonville tight end coach Mike Tice is familiar with the task at hand for Miller to succeed in the NFL. Tice played quarterback for Maryland before enjoying a 14-year career as an NFL tight end. Miller spoke to Tice Sunday after being selected.

"He is excited because I am going to be a project for him," Miller said. "I think he is excited about the opportunity to try and mold me into a good football player."

Miller is currently one of six tight ends on the Jacksonville roster. NFL rosters typically keep three tight ends on a 53-man roster. Starter Mercedes Lewis is likely the only tight end guaranteed a roster spot, leaving competition for the final two spots.

The Jacksonville Jaguars open the regular season on September 13 with a showdown against division rival Indianapolis Colts at Lucas Field in Indianapolis.

"Hopefully they'll see me as being a versatile player who is a good asset to the team," Miller said. "Hopefully I'm contributing, scoring touchdowns and having fun."



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COMMENTARY BY ZACH SEASTEDT
CONTRIBUTOR

The 2009 NFL Draft has come and gone, and like every year all 32 teams leave New York with a renewed sense of confidence.

Best of all, the draft gives fans around the nation plenty of things to talk about before the upcoming season.

One of the topics for discussion is the possibility of the first six rounds of the NFL Draft being moved to Thursday and Friday night. Hey, if the NFL Draft brings in viewers, why not put it on primetime? I think it would be fun to come home from a hard day's work and turn on some live-draft analysis.

But fans will spend most of their time talking up their draft picks, pegging them for the Hall of Fame and planning their Super Bowl victory celebrations. Yet, as we learn year after year, the draft is no exact science. No. 1 overall picks are as likely to bust as first generation iPods.

Here are some thoughts from the 2009 NFL Draft:

Thoughts on the 2009 NFL Draft

I'm mad that the Kansas City Chiefs passed up both Aaron Curry and Michael Crabtree only to pick LSU's Tyson Jackson. If the Chiefs wanted Jackson that bad, I am sure they could have traded down a ways to get him. It was unnecessary to pick him at No. 3, especially with more dynamic players still on the board.

Big props to former UNO quarterback Zach Miller, drafted by the Jacksonville Jaguars as a tight end in the sixth round. He should get a great opportunity to fill in for Matt Jones, who was released earlier this spring. Along with Miller, five other Division II players were drafted, including Stillman's Sammie Lee Hill, drafted in the third round by the Detroit Lions.

While on the topic of Division II, did anyone else notice that Abilene Christian had more players drafted than the University of Miami and Florida State? What kind of crazy universe are we in?

At least we still have Al Davis and the Oakland Raiders to shake up the draft with awful picks. It is well-known that Davis loves speed, but drafting Maryland's Darrius Heyward-Bey with the seventh pick was just silly. Sure he ran the fastest time at the NFL combine, but he was also the fourth or fifth best wide receiver in the draft because of his hands. But that's nothing compared to their second round pick: safety Michael Mitchell from Ohio University. This is a guy pegged by many to be a free agent signee, not the 47th overall pick. In fact, NFL draft guru Mel Kiper Jr. didn't even have any notes on the kid! Oh, the humanity.

Matthew Stafford's monstrous contract, including more than \$40 million guaranteed, pretty much makes it inevitable that the NFL will institute some form of rookie salary cap soon. No. 1 overall picks are starting to become a hassle with the amount of money involved. Besides, a

rookie who has never played a down in the NFL should not be making more than an established veteran. It just doesn't seem right.

Nebraska only had three players drafted, with the first player being Cody Glenn, who was selected in the fifth round by the Redskins. This should show that while Bill Callahan could recruit pretty well, he and his staff had absolutely no ability to develop the talent. UNL's Matt Slauson was taken in the sixth round by the Jets. Glenn and Lydon Murtha, a seventh round pick by the Lions, were both wasted talents as either of them had the ability to be a first-day pick when they first stepped on campus. It puts into perspective how important it is to teach these kids the game as they continue through college.

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Women's tennis falls to Washburn in singles

TAYLOR MULLER
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The women's tennis team was unable to hold down Washburn University Saturday evening, losing its semifinal match of the conference championship 5-4.

The Mavs ended the season 10-10 overall and 6-2 in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association, their first as members as of league.

The women faced Southwest Baptist University earlier on Saturday to open tournament play. The Mavs swept all three doubles matches, advancing to singles play 3-0.

Freshman Heather Hottman won No. 4 singles 6-1, 6-1 to go 5-2 against conference foes, however singles Nos. 2, 1 and 3 fell to the Southwest Baptist Bearcats, taking the score to 4-3.

No. 6 Kelsie Olson vindicated the Mavs with a 6-2, 7-6 win with the tiebreaker going 8-6. Olson collected seven wins against conference opponents during the regular season. Overall, the Mavs won 5-3.

The Mavs then advanced to the semifinals to face Washburn, 14-2 on the season going in.

UNO remained in the lead 2-1 after winning No. 2 and 3 doubles, with freshman Samantha Thomas and Hottman topping Washburn 9-7; and junior Kelsey Haas and freshman Mary Lausten winning 8-2, respectively.

Washburn opened up singles play dominating at the No. 2 and 3 spots. UNO's No. 2 freshman Traci Moglestad was handed a 6-0, 6-0 defeat, with Haas falling shortly at No. 3 6-0, 6-0, as well.

Olson and Thomas secured a pair of points for UNO at No. 6 and 5 singles, but



Rachel Faulk returns the ball during a match. (JODI PENN/THE GATEWAY)

the Mavs eventually fell at No. 1 singles with team captain Rachel Faulk losing 7-6, the tiebreaker went 7-3, and 6-1. Hottman was also topped at No. 4 singles 6-3, 6-4 for the 5-4 Maverick team loss overall.

While the women would have faced Truman State in the third-place match, it was cancelled due to rainy weather in Kansas City, Mo.

But despite the weather and losses, two UNO doubles teams were named to the All-MIAA first team, with another duo named to the second team, the conference announced Wednesday.

Faulk, who went 6-1 against conference foes on the season, secured a second team spot at No. 1 singles in addition to a first team spot with doubles partner Moglestad at No. 1 doubles.

Haas and Lausten earned the No. 3 doubles first team spot, while Hottman and Thomas were named to the second team at No. 2 doubles.

Men's tennis finishes year with disappointing end in conference

TAYLOR MULLER
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The UNO men's tennis team finished its regular season with a pair of wins over Hastings College and Concordia University (Neb.) on April 23 before heading to Kansas City, Mo., for the conference championship.

UNO swept Hastings in five of six singles matches, but only picked up one doubles match on its way to a 6-3 victory.

Junior Chase Petersen and freshman Matt Frost secured the lone doubles point, defeating Hastings' Travis Bronson and Grant Nagaki 8-3.

Frost and Petersen also won their singles matches at No. 1 and No. 4 singles, respectively. Freshmen Jon McQuistan and Mike Hupf as well as sophomore James Fonda rounded out the win with singles victories.

Concordia fell to the Mavs shortly after, despite UNO only securing two singles matches.

The Mavs swept Concordia in doubles play, with No. 1 duo senior Marcus Hansen and McQuistan defeating their counterparts 8-5. Petersen and Frost teamed up at the No. 2 spot for an 8-2 win, while Hupf and senior Matt Wisch secured the final doubles with a 8-5 victory.

Frost and Petersen secured the lone singles points to carry UNO to a close 5-4 win. The Mavs finished the regular season with an even 8-8 overall and 0-5 in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association.

The Mavs then spent a rainy Saturday playing in the MIAA championships in Kansas City, Mo., facing No. 21-ranked Southwest Baptist.

The Mavs were swept in straight sets, with several singles matches called after Southwest clinched the win. The closest the Mavs came to taking a point away came at No. 1 doubles with Hansen and McQuistan coming away with an 8-6 loss.

The men then faced their next opponent in a battle for who would be in last place, but the match against Emporia was called short due to rain. The men finished 8-9 overall, however Assistant Coach Mike Saniuk said looking at just the few sets underway against Emporia, he could see improvement since last facing them on April 18.

"The match against Emporia was going really well, had lost our No. 1 doubles in a tie breaker, had match point, could have and should have won, we took the lead 2-1 going into singles, actually were up a set on one through four singles," Saniuk said. "The team had played incredibly well, just number wise when we played Emporia about a week and a half ago, they had dominated us at No. 2. [We] showed a drastic improvement."

Petersen agreed, saying that despite it being the team's first season, each player wanted a chance to prove himself against a conference foe.

"We knew right off the bat Southwest Baptist was going to be one of our toughest matches, we did play a pretty tough team, but we were more so excited to play Emporia again," Petersen said. "It really sucked, [we were] ahead a set in match play in singles, if



Matt Nohl (left), Coach Bill Nichols (center) and Chase Petersen discuss strategy. (JODI PENN/THE GATEWAY)

we'd won we would have won the dual. After losing 6-3 [last week] we really wanted to turn around, and play our hearts out."

With the inaugural season done and in the books, Saniuk said the team's first goal is to win a conference match, something they failed to do this season.

But Petersen said despite the disappointing end and tough conference matches, it was a lot of fun to be back playing collegiate tennis.

"I've missed it so much. It makes life all around more fun, everything you strive for," Petersen said. "I definitely am glad to be playing competitively again. I missed the spirit and the team camaraderie, can't wait for everyone to get some practice in. We know what to expect."

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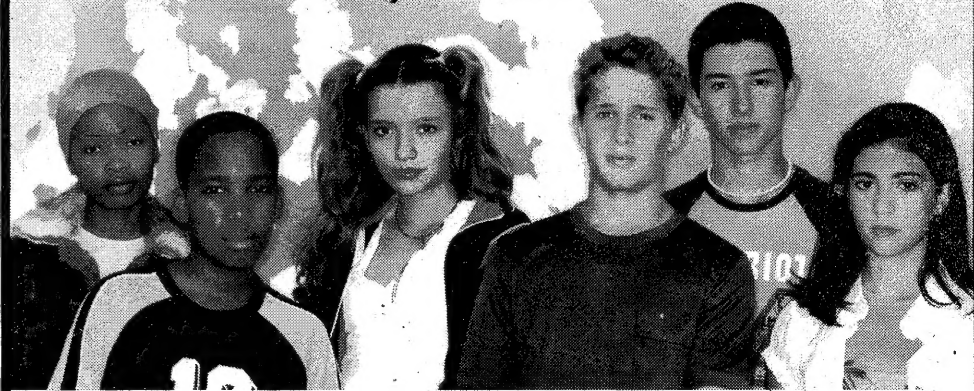
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Central Missouri takes three-of-four from Mavs

MICHELLE BISHOP
SPORTS & PHOTO EDITOR

The Mavs traveled to Warrensburg, Mo., over the weekend for their last regular-season away series. After splitting the opening doubleheader, Central Missouri swept both games on the final day to drop UNO's record to 35-16 overall and 25-11 in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association.

The Mavs won the opening game against Central Missouri, 5-1, but dropped

the remaining three games 9-7, 5-0 and 4-1.

Central Missouri (34-11, 23-9 MIAA) entered the weekend behind UNO in the league standings, but jumped to second place to enter the final weekend of the MIAA regular season.

In the first game on Friday, all the runs were scored in the first three innings of the seven-inning game. Central Missouri scored a run in the bottom of the first, but the Mavs responded with two in the second. Junior Andrew Hansen singled home senior Brian Strawn, who had led off the inning with a single, to tie the game at one. Senior Evan Porter knocked in the second run with an infield single that brought home senior Brian Goliber, who reached on a walk.

The Mavs added three more in the top of the third. Senior Mat Eikmeier's double down the left field line scored freshman Brett Koehn who led off the inning with a walk. Goliber then doubled home two more runs to give UNO a 5-1 win.

Senior Chris Kessinger pitched a complete game, allowing seven hits and one unearned run, to improve to 6-4 on the season.

"Friday was a real well pitched game by Chris Kessinger, a senior that we're hoping would step up and have a good ball game and he did," assistant coach Chris Gadsden said. "He somewhat dominated them on the mound and we were able to score enough to get after them and pick up

Softball splits final regular season series

MICHELLE BISHOP
SPORTS & PHOTO EDITOR

The No. 25-ranked UNO softball team split its final regular season doubleheader with Missouri Southern Tuesday in Joplin, Mo. The Mavs dropped a heartbreaker as two errors in the bottom of the eighth inning allowed the Lions to escape with a 3-2 win in the first game. UNO responded by posting a 1-0 win in the second game.

In the first game, Missouri Southern (21-34, 9-11 Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association) grabbed an early lead with two runs in the first. But the Mavs countered with a run in both the second and the fourth to tie the game.

In the second, sophomore Ashley Lynch singled and junior Kristin Wellwood scored on an error by the left fielder to score

UNO's first run.

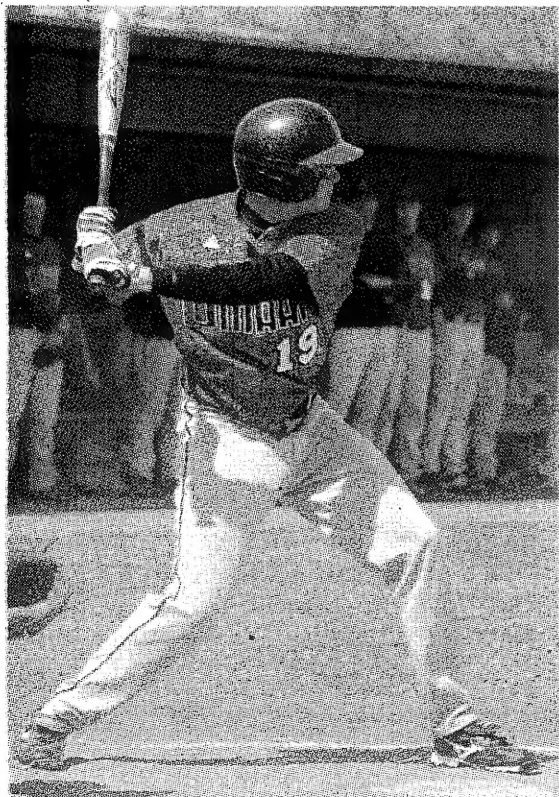
In the fourth, the Mavs tied the game when Lynch singled up the middle to score sophomore Alli Hukill.

Southern threatened with bases loaded in the seventh, but couldn't plate the winning run.

After junior pitcher Melissa Negrete gave up a one-out double in the seventh, sophomore Beth Haley entered in relief. The Lions loaded the bases but Haley escaped the jam with a strikeout.

In the eighth, Missouri Southern loaded the bases off an error, a hit and an intentional walk. With two outs, freshman Natalie Nelson hit a grounder that was misplayed, allowing the Lions to score the game-winner.

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Brent Koehn prepares to swing during action earlier this season. (Jodi Penn/The Gateway)



The Mavericks are headed for their first MIAA tournament Thursday in Overland Park, Kan. UNO, the No. 4 Seed, will face No. 5 seed Pittsburg State Thursday at 6 p.m. (Michelle Bishop/The Gateway)

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UNO golfers set to host super regional at Ironwood course



MICHELLE BISHOP
SPORTS & PHOTO EDITOR

The UNO golf team is gearing up to host the NCAA Division II Women's Golf Super Regional Four at Ironwood Golf Course in Omaha. The Mavs, fresh off a Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association championship, grabbed the ninth seed in the nine-team field for the event held Monday to Wednesday. Play begins each day at 8:30 a.m.

The top three teams, along with the top three individuals not with a team, will advance to the D-II championships at the University of Findlay May 13-16.

UNO, tied for 16th in the latest Golf World/NGCA Division II poll, joins seven other ranked teams in the regional. Three teams are in the top 10, including top-seeded and ninth-ranked St. Edward's, second-seeded and seventh-ranked Tarleton State and fourth-seeded and 10th-ranked California State Monterey Bay.

Also competing are third-seeded Western Washington, fifth-seeded Sonoma State, sixth-seeded West Texas A&M, seventh-seeded Central Oklahoma and eighth-seeded Cal State Chico.

Individuals competing are Angelo State's Raelyn Smith, Northeastern State's Stephanie Bird, Grand Canyon's Jennifer Lutz and Dallas Baptist's Heather Wilber.

On Tuesday, the MIAA

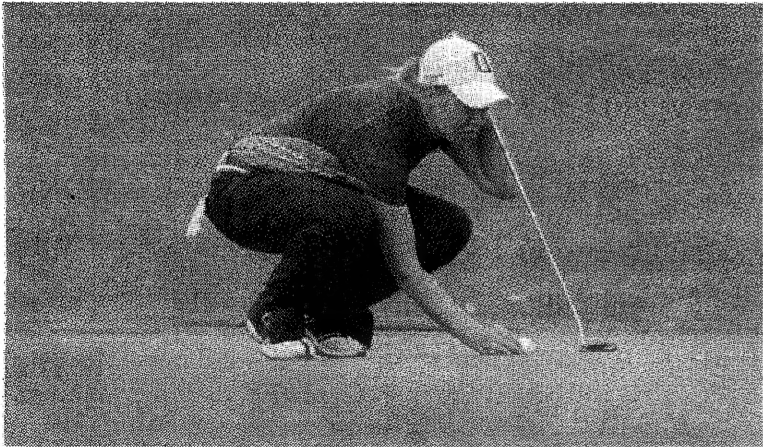
announced junior Erin Ommen was named the women's golf athlete of the week after her performance at the MIAA golf championship April 20-21 at Shoal Creek Golf Course in Kansas City, Mo. Ommen is the third UNO golfer to earn the award this season.

Ommen led four Mavericks in the top five among individuals at the championship. She posted the low score in a windy, first round with a three-over 75, helping her finish with a 36-hole total of 153, nine-over on the par 72 layout. The Mavs captured the inaugural MIAA women's golf championship with a four-player score of 651, 27 strokes ahead of runner-up Truman.

Head coach Tim Nelson announced on Monday the signing of Beatrice, Neb., native Elizabeth Havekost for the 2009-2010 season. Havekost was the Class B individual state champion in 2008, and she also finished first at the district tournament and the River Cities Conference tournament.

Havekost earned top five finishes in nine of the 10 tournaments in which she competed in 2008. Havekost, who set a school record for lowest score with a 77 during her junior year, was a member of two Nebraska Class B State Championship teams, 2005 and 2007, and two runner ups, 2006 and 2008.

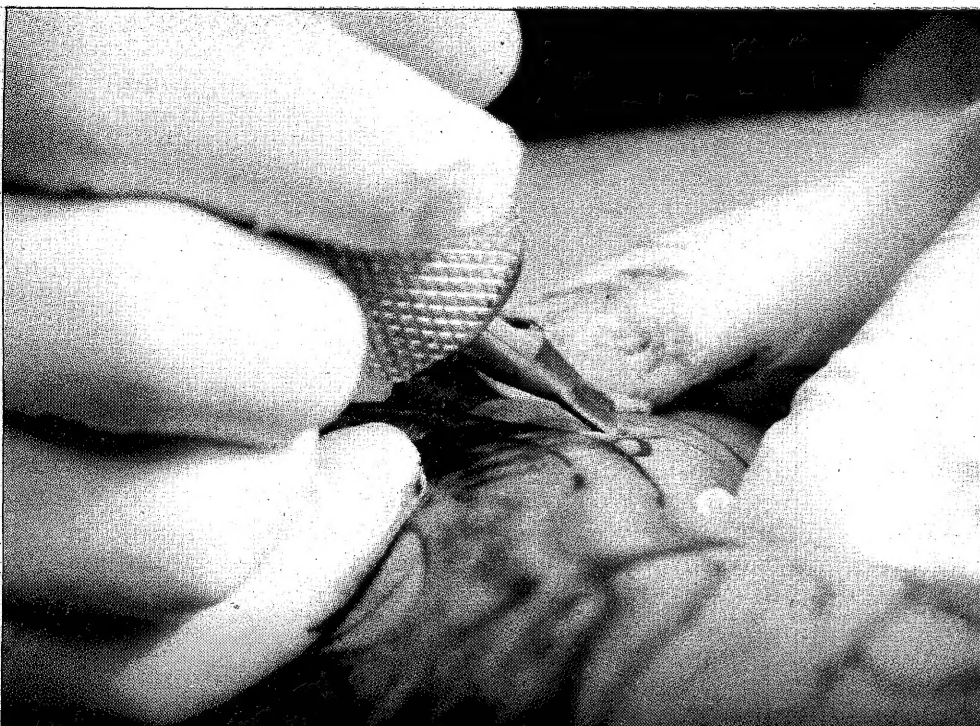
Havekost currently ranks first in her class with a 4.0 GPA and plans to major in biological systems engineering at UNO.



Top: Junior Abbey Weddle lines up a shot during action earlier this season.

Middle: Sophomore Dani Suponchick and the Mavs are hosting the NCAA Division II Women's Golf Super Regional Four at Ironwood Golf Course in Omaha starting Monday.

Bottom: Junior Erin Ommen was named the MIAA women's golf athlete of the week after her performance at the MIAA golf championship April 20-21 at Shoal Creek Golf Course in Kansas City, Mo. Ommen is the third UNO golfer to earn the award this season. (All photos courtesy Omavs.com)



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Moore claims MIAA heptathlon championship

MICHELLE BISHOP
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UNO junior Shannon Moore posted the best score in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association to win the Heptathlon Championship Monday at Northwest Missouri State.

Moore's score of 5,061 is the highest score in the heptathlon by an MIAA athlete this season.



Shannon Moore claimed the MIAA heptathlon championship on Monday. (COURTESY STEVE SMITH)

Moore posted a personal best in the 100-meter hurdles on her way to the overall lead in the women's heptathlon after a windy and rainy first day of competition at the outdoor track and field championship. Moore, UNO's lone representative in the heptathlon, finished the 100-meter hurdles in a time of 14.35, good for second place.

Through the first four events, Moore gained a 210-point lead over her nearest competitor and her performance over the final

three events of the meet allowed her to win by 265 points.

Freshman Lindsay Lettow of Central Missouri finished second at 4,796 points and junior Emily Churchman of Northwest Missouri State was third at 4,613.

The top eight finishers earn points toward the overall team championship which will be held Saturday and Sunday at Missouri Southern. The women's heptathlon and the men's decathlon are held one weekend earlier than the remainder of the track-and-field events.

Moore finished first overall in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.66 and was the only athlete to break 26 seconds in the event.

The Alexandria, Va., native also finished second in the high jump with a leap of 5 feet, 5 inches and earned third place in the shot put with a mark of 33 feet, 2 inches. The shot put and high jump were moved indoors because of the weather.

Moore has automatically qualified for the Division II national championship meet to be held in San Angelo, Texas, May 21-23.

On the second day of action, Moore finished second in the long jump with a jump of 18 feet, 3 and a quarter inches and finished seventh in the javelin throw with a toss of 94 feet, 5 inches. Moore completed the competition by winning the 800-meter dash in a time of 2:21.84, nearly four seconds ahead of the second-place finisher.

Other members of the team were scheduled to compete in the Nebraska Open in Lincoln on Sunday, but the event was canceled because of the weather.

The team now prepares for the remainder of the MIAA Outdoor Championship this weekend in Joplin, Mo.

UNO dancers take fourth

KIRBY KAUFMAN
CONTRIBUTOR

The UNO dance team earned fourth place in its division at the NCA/NDA Collegiate Cheer and Dance Championship April 8-11.

This year was an improvement over last year's fifth-place finish. It was the team's highest finish since they began competing in the event in 2005. UNO was among 200 teams from all over the world to compete in the 20 different divisions of the event.

Hawaii Pacific University finished first in Division II with a score of 9.346. In second was Tamagawa University Julius of Tokyo, Japan. In third place was long-time UNO rival, Minnesota State University, Mankato, beating UNO's fourth place score of 8.683 by less than two-tenths of a point.

Dance team head coach Elise Gosch said in order for the team to become eligible for the championship, they either had to qualify during summer camp or submit a video.

Each team that qualified for nationals had to perform 30 seconds of dance, jazz and hip-hop

styles of music. Teams were judged on choreography, technique and musicality.

"[It's] the highest they've ever finished," Gosch said. "The girls did a great job and got fourth, it's the highest finish they'd ever had"

The Mavericks reenacted a scene from Rhythm. Since December, the dancers have spent three hours practicing two to four days a week.

"We had a really good team around this year," team captain Emily Shanks said. "We all wanted it."

Shanks is a UNO senior who also works for Kerrie's Dance Studio in Council Bluffs. She said she will return to the team next fall as assistant head coach.

The dancers also promote team unity by fundraising in the community. They have sold concessions at the Qwest Center Omaha, held various fundraisers and garage sales.

Gosch said she's "proud of their efforts on and off the dance floor."

Tryouts for the 2009-10 dance team will be held at 8 a.m. Saturday at the Sapp Fieldhouse.



Front Row: Nina Williams, Stacy Pavlik, Felicia Fisher, Emily Shanks, Mila O'Rourke, Makayla Person, Amanda Beglin. Back Row: Ashley Reabe, Chelsea Alt, Janae Limley, Jacque Albertson, Melanie Adams, Madeline Howard, Alyssa Todd, Alexandra Pearson. Not Pictured: Elise Gosch, head coach; and Amy Edwards, assistant coach.

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Haley (11-5) picked up the loss as she gave up the unearned run in the eighth. Haley pitched one and one-third innings, allowing two hits. Negrete tossed the first six and one-third innings, allowing five hits with seven strikeouts and a walk.

In the second game, the Mavs pushed across a run in the second, which proved to be enough for the win.

Hukill, who singled to lead off the inning, advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt from Wellwood and then reached third on a single by junior Kristi Meneely. Freshman Katelyn Hinton then drove Hukill in with a sacrifice fly to left field.

Sophomore Lindsey Slocum went six and two-thirds innings to earn the win. Slocum struck out nine and walked none.

With two outs in the seventh, Slocum (14-2) gave up her seventh hit of the game,

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a win."

Goliber finished 2-for-2 with two RBIs and a run scored while Porter and Hansen each collected two hits and an RBI.

In the second game, the Mules and Mavs combined for seven errors, and both starters got roughed up early.

UNO took a 3-0 lead after the first inning. Hansen led off the game with a double and scored on a throwing error on the next play when Porter singled. Koehn followed with a two-run homer to left.

Central Missouri responded with four runs in the bottom of the first and two more in the second inning to take a 6-3 lead, but the Mavs rallied to tie the game with three runs in the top of the third. Schwab had an RBI single and Strawn drove in two on a double up the middle to make it 6-6. The Mavs are currently in fourth-place in the league.

The Mavs trailed 7-6 in the fifth when Strawn laid down a bunt and reached on a fielder's choice. Schwab, who led off the inning with a double, advanced to third on the bunt and scored on a throwing error by the pitcher to tie the game.

In the bottom of the inning, Central Missouri retook the lead for good on an RBI double by Colin Murphy. The Mules added an insurance run in the eighth to win 9-7.

Koehn led the Mavericks with two hits and two RBI, while Hansen, Porter and senior Drew Schwab added two hits each. Each team finished with twelve hits.

Senior Ben Percival (9-2) took the loss for UNO. Percival allowed nine runs, eight earned, on 12 hits while pitching eight innings. He struck out two and walked none.

On Saturday, the Mavs were shut out for the first time this season, dropping the opener 5-0. UNO mustered only three hits and committed four errors.

Central Missouri scored three runs in the first inning and a single run in the second and third.

Freshman Joe

prompting Haley's services. Haley picked up the final out, earning her third save of the year.

UNO (40-13, 14-6 MIAA) finished fourth in the MIAA to claim the No. 4 seed in the MIAA tournament held at the Blue Valley Recreation Complex in Overland Park, Kan. The eight-team, double elimination championship starts Thursday and ends Saturday.

The Mavs face No. 5 seed Pittsburg State (31-22, 11-9 MIAA) in the first round Thursday at 6 p.m. UNO split a road doubleheader against Pittsburg State on April 21, winning 9-0 and losing 5-0. The winner of that game will advance to play the winner of the No. 1 Central Missouri/No. 8 Fort Hays State game, while the loser will face the loser of that game. Second round games and first round consolation games will be played at 8 p.m. Thursday.

Holtmeyer picked up the loss for UNO. He lasted just two and a third innings, allowing five runs, although none earned, on six hits. He struck out one and walked two. Sophomore Tom Schmidt worked three and two thirds innings in relief, allowing three hits while striking out two.

In the second game, the Mules jumped out to a 3-0 lead after two innings and never looked back.

Both Koehn and sophomore Travis Jacobi finished 2-for-3, the only UNO players to collect multiple hits.

The Mavericks scored their only run in the sixth when Schwab singled to left to score Jacobi who walked to lead off the inning.

Senior Kyle Dahman pitched seven and two-thirds innings, allowing 10 hits and four runs while striking out four and walking three.

The Mavs had opportunities to score in the final three innings but left a total of six men stranded, including two in the ninth.

"We kind of struggled defensively throughout the series," Gadsden said. "We let in more than we could knock in. We scored one run in 16 innings that we played on Saturday. You're going to have to score more than that to win a ball game. Hopefully we get a chance to get after those guys again."

The Mavs have already secured a spot in MIAA Championship Tournament, held at the Community America Ballpark in Kansas City, Kan., May 8-10. Game time and opponent have yet to be decided.

"In my mind we need to go down to the MIAA tournament and get after winning that thing and get an automatic berth in the NCAA regional," Gadsden said. "Being an at-large pick, we can take that out of the equation if we go ahead and win that tournament."

UNO, ranked at No. 28 entering the weekend, dropped out of the national rankings but sits at sixth in the South Central Region standings. Central Missouri jumped from No. 29 to No. 19 after the weekend series and sits at fourth in the region.

The Mavs were scheduled to play a non-conference game at Rockhurst University on Wednesday but the game was canceled due to rain. No make up date has been scheduled.

The Mavs finish MIAA conference play this weekend when they host Washburn University (21-25, 14-18 MIAA) for a pair of doubleheaders on Saturday and Sunday.

First pitch for Saturday is set for 1:30 p.m. Between games, UNO will recognize its nine seniors as part of Senior Day. Sunday's doubleheader begins at noon.

"We have an opportunity to finish the regular season real strong," Gadsden said. "We got to take care of business here and see what the tournament brings. We'll see where the chips fall."

Catching up with The Used

ANDREA BARBE
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

With a new album soon to drop, alternative rock band The Used returns to the metro on May 11 to perform at Sokol Auditorium.

Bassist and back-up vocalist Jeph Howard sat down with the Gateway to discuss life on the road, the new album "Artwork" and the moments in between.

How did you meet the rest of your bandmates? How did The Used come together?

Eight years ago? No, nine years ago? Actually, no. It's been longer than that. A long, long time ago. Well, we were all in a bunch of random bands that all sucked pretty bad. We were all part of the fallout of that scene, I guess. It's hard for me to go all the way back. First, me and Brandon [Steinecker] were in a band. He was our old drummer. And then we found Quinn [Allman] who was in a band that got broken up. Then we started The Used and started writing some music for it. We didn't have a singer yet and we were trying to think of who would sing. We finally found Bert because he was the singer for another band and that band was broken up. Bert got pretty heavy into drugs for a while. We kind of got him when he got out of jail, I think. Our very first song we ever wrote was called "Maybe Memories" off our first record, and we got Bert over to the house. I think I was living at my mom's house at the time. I moved back in with my mom for like a week or two weeks or something, and we recorded some vocals in her house. We had the whole song recorded on some old eight-track player. That's kind of how we all met.

I read that you and your bandmates overcame a lot of struggles in the beginning, including panhandling for money to buy food. Was there ever a breaking point when you just wanted to quit and pursue something else?

Of course there was. Not really with music. Actually, I take that back. That really wasn't an option. We knew that we all wanted to be in a band and that's what we wanted to do. The very, very beginning, we were just four, broke, homeless kids. I mean, we're all from a small town. We had music and music had us. That was pretty much it.

How did you guys come up with the name The Used? Did you ever go by another name?

We were in a bunch of different bands before that. Actually there are a lot of different stories going around out there and I want to keep that open.

Who does most of the music writing? Or is it a collective process between the four of you?

We have a brand-new record coming out and it's the best thing. I'm so pumped, you have no idea. This is our fifth record we're doing right now. I haven't felt this strongly about a record that we've done since the first one. We're all really excited. Musically, I think it's the best thing we've ever done. It shows how we've grown up as a band and changed a little bit. Also, just lyrically, Bert has destroyed it. The lyrics on this record are the most impressive lyrics I've ever heard. I'm pretty impressed with Bert a lot of the time vocally, but this record takes it. Bert writes 99.9 percent of the lyrics. On this record, he wrote it all. Sometimes, somebody like Quinn will come up with an idea and be like, "Instead of singing it this way, maybe try it this one word."

The Used really took off with the self-titled album in 2002. What's your favorite track off that album and why?

Umm, which record was that?

It was the self-titled one with "The Taste of Ink" and "Blue and Yellow."

They all have their own buzz to it, you know. They all had their good thing about it. I liked every song on that record. There wasn't one song I didn't like on that one.

When did you know you hit it big? Was there a specific moment that stands out in your mind?

That's an awesome question. I remember me and

Quinn were in New York — we didn't really travel too much in the beginning. I mean, we're from a little town in Utah near Salt Lake and we really didn't get to go too many places. We were in New York inside Tower Records inside walking around and "Box of Sharp Objects" came on. That was pretty crazy at the time.

In 2006, you guys found a new drummer in Dan Whiteside. Was he able to seamlessly integrate into what you, Bert and Quinn had already set up?

Dan's a really good friend of ours from the past. He actually played in a band called New Transit Direction. They were an awesome band. We took New Transit on tour with us a bunch

of times. Dan Whiteside was their drummer and he's one of the many reasons why I loved that band. I loved

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Jeph Howard (far right) and rest of The Used will perform at Sokol Auditorium at May 11. (COURTESY OF THEUSED.NET)

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Spring, summer trends to make your wardrobe pop

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When it comes to this season's fashion trends, it's a jungle out there. The runways boasted a myriad of options ranging from nudes and safari inspired by neon and metallic colors. If there was one constant theme throughout all the shows, it was "bold."

Whether it was soft, fleshy neutrals at Calvin Klein or embellishment and destruction at the Balmain fashion show, almost everyone created bold looks for spring.

Among the monsoon of trends, there are four key trends that should and can be effortlessly incorporated into your spring and summer wardrobe: neutrals and safari inspired, metallics, snakeskin and bright hues.

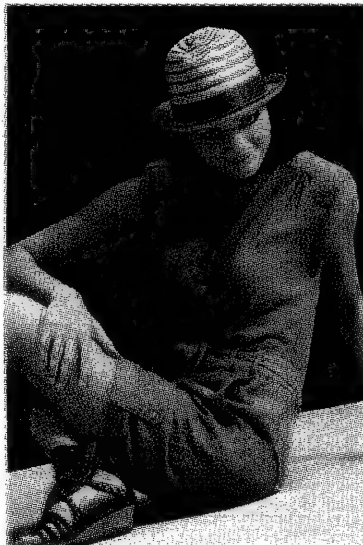
Neutrals, nudes and beiges definitely did not pale in comparison to any other looks on the runways.

These shades provided a refreshing alternative for the season's more extreme looks.

Designers created head-to-toe neutral ensembles and even paired them with white counterparts, resulting in heavenly, yet creamy combinations.

This trend can easily be worn by pairing items with neutrals, like a nude tank top with khaki colored shorts or skirts.

Give the look a safari feel by tossing on a short-sleeved khaki jacket.



The latest fashions are neutrals paired with eye-catching colors. (COURTESY OF MCT CAMPUS)

On the other hand, fashionistas can offset neutral pieces with metallic accessories.

Metallic pieces and sequins can be worn to create stand-out looks or simply add a touch of glam to any spring or summer outfit.

They are best worn in small doses with shoes and accessories, like

gold sandals or even tops with metallic or sequin embellishments.

When dealing with this trend, remember one thing: a little goes a long way.

Too much metallic or shine can be overkill and look tacky like a costume.

Indulge in another charming trend with snakeskin. Scintillating and sultry snakeskin was included in so much of this season's collections. Slithering around waists on belts at Louis Vuitton and putting its best foot forward on sandals, snakeskin really adds a touch of luxe to this season's looks.

Natural snake prints add great texture and variety to any outfit, especially neutral looks.

Bright colored variations offer an exciting take on the often revisited trend. To partake in the trend, try adding pieces like vibrant snakeskin sandals or a bright snakeskin clutch into your wardrobe.

Delicate pastels are a cop-out for the spring and summer seasons.

It is all about being bold with color. Vivid hues like deep purple, coral, blue and turquoise and neon are making a huge splash this season.

Add a boost of color to your outfits with bright-hued accessories like bangles

and chunky beads.

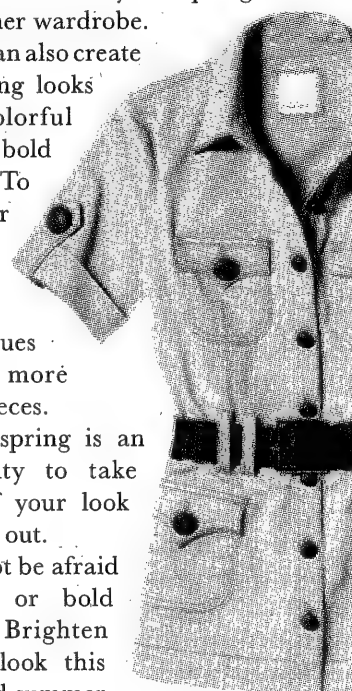
Or try to inject coral shorts and colored jeans into your spring and summer wardrobe.

You can also create eye-popping looks with colorful prints and bold patterns. To make your colors really pop, set vibrant hues against more neutral pieces.

This spring is an opportunity to take charge of your look and stand out.

Do not be afraid of color or bold pieces. Brighten up your look this spring and summer with vibrant hues and unique accessories like python sandals.

There is no need to let your fashion wardrobe swelter along with the summer heat.



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a mission statement and strategic plan for the Athletic Department, he said.

"We don't have a mission statement that I'm aware of. We don't have a set of core values," Alberts said. "I think one of the things that's really appealing about this job is you're starting from scratch. You get a real opportunity to frame something in a positive way."

Alberts will also begin the process of replacing the position of senior associate athletic director, after Tom Frette stepped down to accept a position as the coordinator of sports medicine at the Nebraska Orthopedic Hospital.

'Coach Kemp is our hockey coach'

Another decision Alberts will make soon as athletic director is the fate of hockey coach Mike Kemp.

Addressing the question, Alberts refused to give a definitive answer but said Kemp remains the head coach of the hockey program.

"As far as I'm concerned right now, Mike Kemp is our hockey coach," Alberts said. "I look forward to helping him succeed as the hockey coach at UNO."

Alberts said he appreciated and admired the contributions made by Kemp in developing the program in his 12 years as coach. At this point, however, everything is still on the table regarding the future of the program.

To address some of the challenges facing hockey, Alberts said an assessment of the program as a whole — not just an evaluation of Kemp — would be necessary.

"I know there are a lot of issues regarding hockey," Alberts said. "My job then is to surround myself with a lot of passionate people who do know about the unique culture, who do know the unique challenges, and to do a comprehensive look at literally everything. We have to go back and access everything we do as a hockey program."

UNO is ultimately a hockey school, and the success of the other athletic programs depends upon having a healthy hockey program,

Alberts said.

"Do we need more resources in hockey? Yes," Alberts said. "Do we have unique challenges that are making it difficult to always have it? Yes. But does it mean we shouldn't work in a tangible way to provide those resources? That's what we need to do."

Putting athletics in the big picture

While the health of the Athletic Department rests in part on the health of the hockey program, the health of UNO in part rests in the success of Maverick athletics, which is something the university administration understands, Alberts said.

"In my travels, in my past experience, I've had the opportunity to be around a lot of athletic departments, and it's clear to me that a strong, vibrant athletic department — one that the community can identify with — is vitally important to the overall mission of a university," Alberts said. "So it's our job as an athletic department to work with, to collaborate with, this great institution and work together to be part of that larger mission of UNO."

In particular, strong athletics is a positive recruiting mechanism for the university. The ability to raise funds for projects is also positively impacted by successful sports teams.

"If the Athletic Department is strong, and our team and our student athletes are great, and the community feels this real identity and real connection with the Athletic Department, the profile of incoming student applicants at this university is going to rise," Alberts said. "It's been proven time and time again."

The goal of the Athletic Department needs to be to reach out to the community and establish a connection between Omaha and Maverick athletics, Alberts said.

"I mentioned the last time that I was here that I view UNO athletics as Omaha's team, and I mean that sincerely," Alberts said. "These student-athletes, these teams — these are our teams, and I feel like it is our time here at UNO."

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Jeph Howard of The Used. (COURTESY OF THEUSED.NET)

watching him play. He's just very, very talented and it just somewhat fits with all of us. Because he's from Utah, he understands us. He's just a kid that loves music.

What's the craziest thing that's ever happened to you while on tour?

I dunno. There's a billion things that happens every tour. There is always one crazy thing that happens every tour. Me and Bert got home from a tour and they wanted me and Bert to do press, but they wanted us to do it in person. So they put me and Bert on a plane and we flew from here in California to England, then from England to Germany.

Then we got off the plane and onto a train in Germany and drove a couple more hours. We got off the train and took a car straight to the interview.

We didn't get to sleep at all. We were in a plane, train and a car for like 23 or 24 hours. Something like that. The band press was all set up for the interview and after the interview, we went out to party a little bit. Bert got really hammered, of course.

We were signing karaoke at a karaoke bar and I think he was singing Michael Jackson. I'm pretty sure he was. But he went into the bathroom. I guess he didn't know what was going on and was really hammered. He tried punching through a glass window and so his hand was all bloodied and cut up. He was bleeding everywhere. We went back to our hotel and he was writing stuff on the wall in his blood.

Then he got back to his hotel room and was writing stuff in his hotel room. The funny thing about this was not that he was bleeding all over the hotel, but that the hotel was a wellness or health hotel. So everyone was freaking out, like the workers. The police came. It was pretty funny. That was three, four, five years ago.

What about the funniest moment while on tour?

Usually every show, some fan does something weird. That's really hard though

because you can't always see the crowd with the lights. One time, Bert slapped Dan really, really hard before a show. Like as hard as he could. Later that night, we were playing a show and we were playing "On My Own." It's just Bert and Quinn playing and during the bridge when it's supposed to get really tense, Dan snuck up behind Bert, lifted up his shirt and slapped him as hard as he could. The thing is that he slapped him so hard, Bert had a full handprint on his ribs two days after the show. You could actually see all the dents from his hand. It was pretty funny.

You guys have also headlined at the South by Southwest Festival in Austin this year, correct? How does that compare to touring?

It's a festival show, so it's a lot different than touring. With touring, you play indoors and at night. I like indoor, night shows. I like lights. I like the vibe of going to concerts. For me, watching bands during the daytime isn't as much fun.

What's been your most gratifying moment as a musician?

I think every show we play that's a great show is gratifying. It makes you feel like you did a good job.

You guys have played in Omaha several times before, especially at the Sokol. What keeps you coming back?

Because of the giant bass that live in Nebraska. Don't you guys have giant bass that live out here? Huge, huge bass?

Ummm, not so much in Omaha.

We actually did our first photo shoot at that bowling alley place.

OK, you're talking about the Ranch Bowl.

Yeah, that's the first photo shoot we ever did was there. And that's why we love it. That was in 2000 I think. I don't remember.

Anything else you want fans and readers to know?

The CD is dropping in June or July and it's the best thing we've ever done.

You can actually listen to our new song online if you look for it. It's called "Blood on My Hands."

Just get ready.

Heritage, fun for Cinco de Mayo

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For many Americans celebrating Cinco de Mayo, it's about more than just a Mexican holiday. Spanish for the "Fifth of May," Cinco de Mayo is about heritage, pride and culture, and the South Omaha Business Association is working to keep this tradition alive with a weekend full of activities for the entire family to partake in.

The holiday, which originated in Mexico in 1862, commemorates the Battle of Puebla when the Mexican army defeated the French. Mexican General Ignacio Zaragoza Sequin led his troops to victory.

This battle was noteworthy because the French forces had almost twice as many troops and were better equipped. The French had been undefeated in war for nearly 50 years.

Today, Cinco de Mayo is one of the most celebrated ethnic holidays of the year and South Omaha is adding to that tradition. The Latino community has hosted Cinco de Mayo since 1985. Each year, the festival boasts a parade, traditional food and music and neighborhood togetherness.

On May 1, Hector's Restaurant at 1201 S. 157th St. will host the Queen Coronation from 5 p.m. until midnight. Eight female high school contestants will compete in the coronation in which a queen and two runners-up will be crowned. Those three will be featured during the parade Saturday morning.

The parade will take place on May 2 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and travel from 24th and B Streets to 24th and P Streets. Organizers consider it as one of the highlights of the weekend-long festival. Five Grand Marshals are selected to lead the parade, which will also include several floats, marching bands and other entrants.

The Cinco de Mayo weekend winds down with a 5K Run/Walk and a car show on May 3. The walk will begin

at 8:30 a.m. and proceeds from this event will go towards IXIM Spirit of Solidarity, a local transnational ministry aimed at enriching Christian foundations between the citizens of Nebraska and Guatemala. The car show runs from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. and cash prizes will be given out for low rider, custom and old school classic cars.

Traditional Mexican food and drink will also be cooked and served by the South Omaha community members on May 2 to May 3 starting at noon alongside a carnival complete with games and rides.

For more information about Cinco de Mayo festivities in Omaha, call 734-3240 or visit cincodemayoomaha.com. This event is presented by First National Bank.



Omahans celebrate Cinco de Mayo and Mexican heritage at the event's annual parade. (COURTESY OF CINCODEMAYOOMAHA.COM)

'X-Men Origins' not as sharp

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(MCT) - The second coolest thing about the Wolverine of the X-Men movies - after Hugh Jackman's epic sideburns - was his mystery. So naturally that's what Marvel set out to delete with "X-Men Origins: Wolverine."

"Wolverine" may be a perfectly adequate superhero comic-book movie, all explosions, chases, gunfights, sword fights and blood feuds.

There's even a little humor in it. But that irritable loner who shows up on a snowy road without a memory, with a past we can only guess at, in "X-Men?"

That dude is explained away as we get 150 years of history in this movie about the mutant's early life, his first killing, the reasons Sabretooth becomes his nemesis.

In a brisk opening, director Gavin Hood ("Tsotsi") trots out the sickly boy James who learns his secret from his half-brother, Victor. They take their "gifts" to the battlefields of the Civil War, World War I, World War II and Vietnam. That's where Victor (Liev Schreiber, bad-eyed and bloody) finally snaps. A village massacre brings the brothers to the attention of Stryker, played in this prequel by Danny Huston.

The brothers join an elite team of mutant killers (Ryan Reynolds, Will i. Am, Dominic Monaghan and Daniel Henney among them) and run up the body count until James has had enough.

The brother with the conscience disappears, takes on a new life and a new girlfriend (Lynn Collins) until the old life sucks him back in.

But Logan, as he is now called, has the worst case of night terrors ever.

And when he wakes up, screaming at the sky (he does this a lot), Kayla the lady love has to say "Looks like we're going to need new sheets again, babe."

Wolverine is about Logan getting that new animal moniker, about the Weapon X program and the beginning of the military program to hunt and capture mutants.

Mainly, however, it's about how cool Jackman looks with his new metal claws, how buff he is with his shirt off (and with his shorts off, in a couple of scenes).

The chases are exciting in a conventional motorcycle vs. helicopter sort of way. The repetitive brawls always involve Wolverine and somebody else, often Sabretooth, bellowing and running at each other.

And the finale? There are two different endings, Fox tells us, damage control from the fact that the movie was leaked onto the Internet a month ago.

Often when filmmakers who have shown a talent for character, story and suspense are co-opted to make a Hollywood comic-book film, the comic book devours the director.

That's pretty much the case here with the South African Hood, who manages some grace notes but still made a movie that's short on heart and heavy-handed, much like the Ang Lee-directed "Hulk" of a few years back. The set pieces, especially toward the end, are more amusing than awe-inspiring.

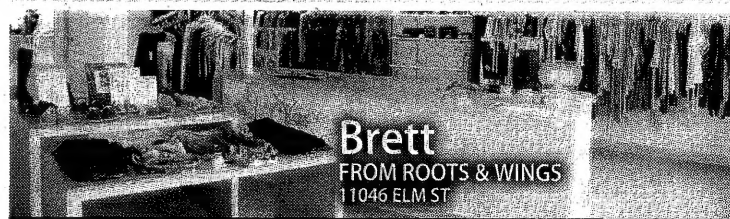
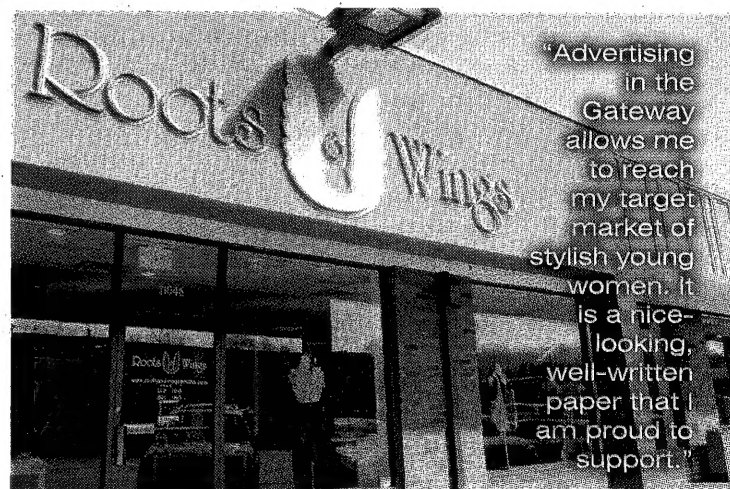
But Jackman is still cool in the role, and Schreiber makes a worthy (if bizarrely sadistic) foe. Too bad Marvel pummeled the mystery out of them both.



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Concerts, comedians, community plays: May events calendar

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May 1 – Ruth Sokolof's Film Streams kicks off a two-week run of the courtroom drama "12 Angry Men." The Sidney Lumet classic plays at least three times a day and is part of a tribute to Nebraska-born actor Henry Fonda. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$6 for students.

May 1 – The Omaha Community Playhouse will also hold a tribute to Henry Fonda by putting "12 Angry Men" on its stage. The play will run through May 31 in the Playhouse's intimate Howard Drew Theatre.

May 2 – Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha's botanical center, will hold a two-day event where visitors can purchase plants and enjoy the first signs of spring. The festival includes live music, "living garden" performances, children's activities, walking tours and an open café. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children ages 6 to 12.

May 3 – Comedian Jeff Dunham comes to the Qwest Center for a 5 p.m. show. Tickets are \$44.50 and can be purchased through Ticketmaster.

May 3 – The Shelterbelt Theatre presents "Fat Girlfriend: The Musical." The show opened on April 11 and will end its run on May 10. Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$12 for students.

May 4 – Monday is Student Night at the Ruth Sokolof Theater. Students with a valid school ID card can see either "12 Angry Men" or "Examined Life" for free. This event is supported by the Peter Kiewit Foundation.

May 6 – The hit Broadway musical "Wicked" opens at the Orpheum Theater's

Slosburg Hall. The show will run through May 31. To purchase tickets, call Ticket Omaha at 345-0606.

May 6 – Grammy-nominated singer James Taylor plays at the Omaha Music Hall. The concert begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$81.50 and can be purchased through Ticketmaster.

May 7 – Fleetwood Mac returns for the Hits Tour 2009 at the Qwest Center Arena. For tickets, call 422-1212 or visit ticketmaster.com.

May 7 – The Rose Theater's Teens 'N' Theater presents the Young Playwrights Festival. Teens who've partaken in the playwriting class all

year will present their original scripts. Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased by calling the Rose box office 345-4849.

May 8 – Sokol Underground hosts This Providence. Sail by the Stars and The Broadcast open the show. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 day of show.

May 8 – The Mid-America Center in Council Bluffs presents the Ebony Fashion Fair in the convention center. The fair will run from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. and will help raise money for various scholarship programs. For more information about this show, call 493-4649 or visit ebonyfashionfair.com.

May 8 – Goo presents Dead Celebrity Disco at the Slowdown. The 21-and-over dance begins at 9 p.m. Admission is \$6 at the door.

May 8 – Country crooner Kenny Chesney plays at the Qwest Center with opening acts Miranda Lambert and Lady Antebellum. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets range from \$22 to \$91.50 and can be purchased through Ticketmaster.

May 10 – The Lauritzen Gardens hosts a Mother's Day brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25. Call 346-4002 extension 201 to make reservations.

May 11 – Utah rock band The Used plays a 7 p.m. show at Sokol Auditorium. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by calling 422-1212 or by going to ticketmaster.com.

May 12 – The Qwest Center hosts pop legends Billy Joel and Elton John for the Face 2 Face tour. Tickets range in price from \$54 to \$179.50 and can be purchased at the Qwest Center Box Office or through Ticketmaster.

May 15 – Disturbed, with Killswitch Engage, Lacuna

Coil and Chimaira, all hit the Mid-America Center Arena for the fourth Music as a Weapon tour. The concert begins at 2 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit or call the Mid-America Center Box Office at 712-326-2295.

May 17 – Rock and blues singer Joe Cocker performs at the Stir Concert Cove outside Harrah's Casino in Council Bluffs. The 21-and-over show starts at 8 p.m.

May 21 – Comedian J. Medicine Hat returns to the Funny Bone Comedy Club at Village Point. His shows will run through May 24. Tickets are \$16 each and available at the door.

May 24 – Sokol Auditorium presents Taking Back Sunday with Anberlin and

Envy on the Coast. The concert starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$28 day of show and can be purchased at any Homer's Music location.

May 24 – The Max presents the finals for Pride Idol 2009. This spoof on "American Idol" aims at finding undiscovered talent in the gay community while raising money for Camp Kindle. The doors open at 7 p.m. and the festivities begin at 8 p.m. For more information, please visit pride-idol.com or campkindle.com.

May 25 – Andre Rieu and the Johann Strauss Orchestra perform at the Qwest Center. The concert begins at 5 p.m.

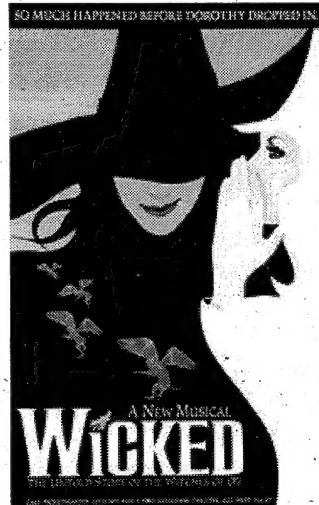
May 26 – Shinedown performs at Sokol Auditorium. The show will kick off at 7:45 p.m. Tickets cost \$30 in advance or \$35 day of show. Visit ticketmaster.com to purchase tickets.

May 28 – Country duo Sugarland plays at the Qwest Center. Tickets range from \$36.50 to \$46.50 for this 7:30 p.m. concert.

May 29 – The Omaha Symphony presents "Mahler's Fifth." The concert plays on back-to-back nights on May 29 and May 30 with both performances starting at 8 p.m. For tickets, call Ticket Omaha at 345-0606.



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Adult Swim at 15: What hath 'Space Ghost' wrought?

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(MCT) - It was 15 years ago this month that one of the great ideas in cable TV was born, pretty much out of complete boredom.

Ted Turner had launched Cartoon Network in 1992 with thousands of Hanna-Barbera programs. A year and a half later one of the people in charge of its schedule, Mike Lazzo, thought he would go out of his skull before he aired another "Flintstones" marathon.

Turner had once taken a crummy UHF signal in Atlanta and made it into Superstation WTBS. So Lazzo figured he would take a crummy 1960s cartoon from the H-B collection and re-animate it. Kind of like that new guy at NBC, Conan O'Whatsisname, was doing with the photograph and the moving lips.

In April 1994, "Space Ghost Coast to Coast" signed on Cartoon Network. And so began a slow, ultra-cheap but creatively rich evolution into the all-night alternative service we know today as Adult Swim.

Lazzo told Turner's sales staff that if they'd just let him buy reruns of "Fish Police" and a couple other animated shows for grown-ups, plus make more "Space Ghosts," he could rule the evenings.

"Sales kept saying, 'We don't need it, and we don't think you'll make money,'" said Lazzo, a high school dropout who started out in Turner's mail room. "But by 1998, '99, we were pretty much, 'C'mon let-us-let-us-let-us,' and we did that every minute until they said yes."

Adult Swim launched in 2001 with reruns of "Family Guy," which Fox had at that time given up on.

Lazzo moved its production offices away from the rest of Cartoon Network, across the highway from Turner's fancy corporate digs to a, yup, crummy former carpet warehouse on Williams Street.

He hired kids cheap and let them do what they

wanted, so long as they stayed on budget. He bought anime, even an occasional live-action comedy for the overnight hours.

Plenty of ideas crashed and burned. Those that did not - "Aqua Teen Hunger Force," "Robot Chicken," "Harvey Birdman," the list goes on - helped define Adult Swim's peculiar, we-love-TV-we-hate-TV sensibility. And Lazzo will swear that shows that aren't huge hits - like "Moral Orel" and "Tim and Eric Awesome Show, Great Job!" - are crucial to the brand.

Adult Swim took over Cartoon Network three nights a week, then six, and finally seven. It now airs eight hours a night, beginning at 10 p.m. EDT with reruns of "King of the Hill." The rights to that show certainly didn't come cheap; Fox has learned that Adult Swim is an ATM machine for Time Warner, the owner of Turner Broadcasting.

When I visited him recently, Lazzo said, "I still think you can do a show with six people. The first thing I learned was if you kept it inexpensive enough, they would let you do things. You would generally get a 'yes.' Once."

Adult Swim has begun mining the trove of oddball British comedy shows, picking up "The Mighty Boosh" and my favorite, the skewed science parody "Look Around You."

I asked Lazzo about rumors I'd kept hearing from aficionados of the original Ricky Gervais series "The Office," which spawned the NBC version but hadn't been seen here since BBC America carried it in 2003. Was Adult Swim acquiring the rights to that show as

well?

"That's a done deal," Lazzo said. "It's happening. It's done. The only thing I don't know is when to put it on."

I poked my head into the office where Dave Willis and Matt Maiellaro were hard

at work creating the next season of "Aqua Teen Hunger Force." Actually, Maiellaro - one of the original "Space Ghost" writers - was plucking out a Joe Walsh tune on his unamped guitar while Willis stared at God knows what on his laptop.

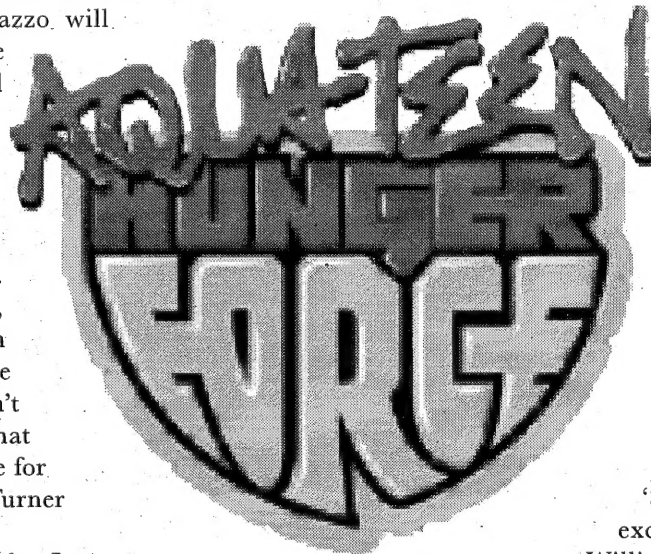
I introduced myself and asked what they were working on.

"We're doing a 'Star Wars' parody that exceeds 'Family Guy,'" Willis declared. "We skewer

'Star Wars' like it's never been skewered before."

Maiellaro, wearing a Rush Limbaugh EIB hat, complimented Willis on using the word "skewer" twice in a sentence. I tried to call his bluff on the "Star Wars" parody, but Willis just stared me down.

Further down the hall - past murals, oddball art and the hugely popular "Family Guy" pinball machine - is the dot-com side of Adult Swim. After a slow start the online site has begun to take off, thanks to the decision to focus on video games that had nothing to do with Adult Swim shows but rather, as Lazzo puts it, "are like our shows - stupid-ass games."



Wash your damn hands kids

Have we got ourselves a health crisis or what, folks? Anyone watching Headline News for any stretch of time will see a digital ticker tape of scary headlines involving swine flu, the World Health Organization and mandatory school closings.

So, what happened?

Recently, a swine-based virus mutated to the point where it can now be easily passed from person-to-person. It has killed about 150 people in Mexico and appears to be hitting healthy, young adults the hardest. That's why there's so much hubbub and fear-mongering going on here. We might have another Spanish Flu on our hands.

Remember the Spanish Flu? In 1918, 20 to 40 percent of the world's population was afflicted with the H151 strain, a variant of the strain now sickening thousands of people in several countries. According to the Associated Press, an estimated 40 to 50 million people died of the Spanish Flu, including more than 500,000 people in America. (Actually, one of my teachers is writing a novel based on her mother's experience surviving the Spanish Flu. That's my fun fact for the issue).

The reason millions of otherwise healthy people died from the Spanish Flu is because the virus was so foreign that people's immune systems overreacted, flooding their lungs with fluid and causing gruesome death by pneumonia.

Authorities still aren't sure if that's what's happening now, but they have a pretty good hunch it is. Hence Monday's level 4 pandemic alert, which means a disease is spreading easily from person-to-person in at least one country. That's why the federal government is advising against travel to Mexico and the news outlets are running seemingly nonstop swine flu stories.

It's pretty scary. Those who pretend it doesn't bother them are kidding themselves or just plain ignorant. We really do have a situation here, something we can't simply shrug off the way we do when someone tells us we'll go to hell if we don't spend an hour in the right building every week. Panicking is counterproductive, however, and it's not much fun to be around someone who thinks whatever is in the headlines will automatically affect him or her, be

it disease, crime or the private life of Miley Cyrus.

So, for the end of the 2008-09 academic year, here is some friendly, nonpartisan advice: wash your damn hands.

Yes, I know it sounds like boring old motherly counsel, and I know your elementary school teacher made your life a living hell trying to get you to clean your hands before lunch, but there's a lot of merit to personal hygiene.

Told You So



Tom McCauley

First, it's what separates you from your evolutionary cousins, like chimpanzees, gorillas and orangutans. Second, it has, along with better nutrition and improved health care, dramatically extended the human lifespan - as long as you're lucky enough to have been born in a rich country. And third, it's just plain polite. Nobody wants what used to be up your butt on their food just because you think it's a pain to wash your hands. And Purell isn't enough. You need to actually do some work with soap and hot water.

As long as all of us practice this paragon of hygienic virtue, we should be fine. And we should be fine as long as we practice the other commonsense acts of hygienic virtue, too, like covering our mouths when we cough or sneeze, staying home if we feel sick and going to the doctor if we have flu-like symptoms.

Hell, I might get me one of those sky-blue masks if the situation worsens. But I tell you, I am not looking forward to the day when everyone walking around campus will be wearing one.

Is waterboarding a necessary evil?

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President Obama's release of the Bush Administration's legal memos authorizing the use of harsh interrogation tactics has created a renewed interest in waterboarding and the ethics of torture. Debates rage on across the media if waterboarding is a form of torture or if it should be an acceptable way of obtaining information.

It's a tough issue. Should we sacrifice national security for the sake of improving a battered foreign image?

Those in favor of harsh interrogation strategies point to the use of such tactics in preventing many terrorist attacks from occurring. Retired CIA agent John Kiriakou, speaking to ABC News on December 10, 2007, revealed how waterboarding broke down al-Qaida member Abu Zubaydah in 35 seconds and that the information he provided had prevented "a number of attacks, maybe dozens of attacks."

Obama's national intelligence director Adm. Dennis C. Blair wrote in a memo to his staff that the techniques that had been banned produced high value information that helped the nation in the war against terrorism.

It is necessary to keep in mind that we aren't exactly dealing with civil men engaging in military operations. These are terrorists who have their own torture manuals, filled with pages on proper hammer usage and how to drill holes into the kneecaps of prisoners.

But it is tough to ignore the ugly ramifications of torture. And yes, waterboarding is torture, no matter what you may hear on Fox News.

Obama said he believes that the United States will ultimately be a stronger nation with the stoppage of these controversial interrogation methods. He believes that America should be able to uphold its values and ideals under good and tough times, even when under threat.

His viewpoint is shared by many others. The Arizona senator and former Republican presidential nominee John McCain once said of waterboarding, "...this is a terrible and odious practice and should never be condoned in the U.S. We are a better nation than that."

It is also well-known that torture or extreme interrogation tactics often don't work. Physical torture leads to bad information, with a prisoner willing to say anything the interrogator wants to hear in order to stop the pain. According to a Washington Post article from March 29, 2009, CIA officials spent millions of dollars chasing false leads gathered from the torturous interrogation of al-Qaida member Abu Zubaydah, thought to be a high-level leader.

In the end, it is good for America that Obama has put an end to harsh interrogation tactics. Not only has it been shown that these strategies often don't work, but engaging in these practices sends the worst message to these terrorists: that their jihad is completely justified against an imperialistic, barbarian nation.

We can gain the same information with regular interrogation methods. Former FBI interrogator Jack Cloonan, in an interview with foreign policy.com, said that normal tactics work well on even the worst terrorists. We don't need torture. Like McCain said, America is better than that.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

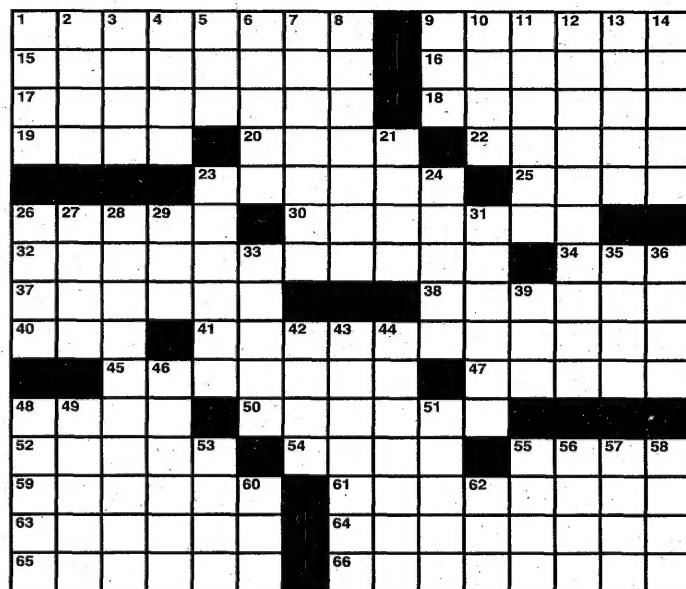
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ACROSS

- 1 Has a gift for
- 9 Not impromptu
- 15 Sci-fi portal
- 16 Brightly colored bird
- 17 Gladiator weapons
- 18 Loved 'un
- 19 Jutland native
- 20 Woman in an insect name
- 22 Hardly pleased with
- 23 Pelvic bone
- 25 Originate, as a river
- 26 Mother of Isaac
- 30 "I beg your indulgence"
- 32 Capitol group
- 34 Only pres. born in Missouri
- 37 For the full time
- 38 Lizard with a dewlap
- 40 Family nickname
- 41 Candlemaker's supply
- 45 More or less
- 47 New Wave band
- 48 Actor whose '70s-'80s sitcom character was a cross-dresser
- 50 Offer?
- 52 Sch. in Athens
- 54 Does, perhaps
- 55 Plagiarize
- 59 Hose part
- 61 Bit of steamy prose
- 63 Egg buys
- 64 "Wanna bet?"
- 65 Lacking a key
- 66 Message sent home from a shy freshman?

DOWN

- 1 Cornerstone abbr.
- 2 More, commercially
- 3 Number one son?
- 4 German earth
- 5 Shirt designation: Abbr.
- 6 Onetime "Drink it and sleep!" slogan
- 7 Case at the embassy
- 8 Trial
- 9 Grass rolls
- 10 Disney World transport
- 11 Military aviators, collectively
- 12 "Cactus Flower" Oscar winner
- 13 St. Mountains: Alaska/Canada range
- 14 Torino tooth
- 21 Arizona county or its seat
- 23 Elite Asian mountaineer
- 24 Recurring theme
- 26 Former fast fliers
- 27 Pierre's possessive
- 28 Dustin Hoffman role
- 29 Did lunch
- 31 Zone
- 33 Wreck
- 35 Complication
- 36 Classification prefix
- 39 Aussie's school
- 42 Cause of rage, briefly



By Barry C. Silk

Friday's Puzzle Solved

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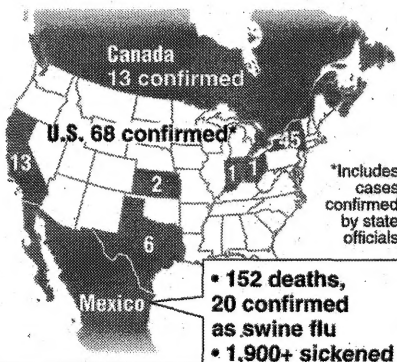
Swine flu

The World Health Organization set the alert at Phase 4 out of 6, noting the disease spreads easily but is not a pandemic.

- Confirmed cases
- Suspected cases

Tracing the spread

Swine flu crossed new borders Tuesday with the first cases in the Middle East and Asia-Pacific



United Kingdom

2 confirmed

Israel

2 confirmed

Spain

2 confirmed

New Zealand
11 confirmed

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Mav-Rec

Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building Hours

Monday - Thursday: 6:30 AM - 11:00 PM
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Cedar River Canoe Trip Summer 2009



Experience the sand hills of Nebraska and travel the steep slopes, sharp ridged crests, and remnants of nearly level plains!

Dates & Times:
 Saturday, May 16th-17th
 (Trip leaves Friday night)

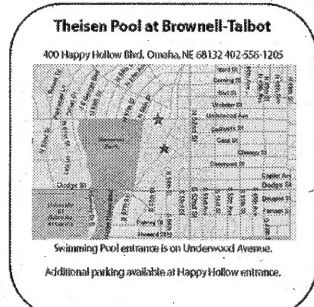
Mandatory Pre-Trip Meeting
 Tuesday, May 12th
 7:00pm-9:30pm

Where:
 Cedar River, NE

Cost:
 Early Registration
 \$143 UNO Students
 \$164 General Public
 Late Fee: after May 8th Add \$10

Outdoor Venture Center
<http://www.unomaha.edu/~wwwocr/>
 jbauch@unomaha.edu
 402-554-2258

Alternate Pool Summer 09 Option



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When:
 Monday, Wednesday, Friday
 6:30am-9:00 am
 11:00am-1:00pm

Where:
 Brownell-Talbot School
 400 N. Happy Hollow Blvd.
 Omaha, Nebraska

More information about UNO Pool re-opening date will be available later in May.

Aquatics
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 402-554-2539

Mav-Rec Fitness & Wellness Chair Massage



Get a massage by Licensed Massage Therapist Kimberly Jackson

Where: HPER 213

Dates:
 May 15th

Time:
 12:00-2:00pm

Price:
 \$10 for a 15-minute massage

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Fitness and Wellness
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Mav-Rec Wellness Stampede Pool Hours:

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 4:00-7:00PM
MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY:
 4:00-9:00PM
SATURDAYS:
 1:00-5:00PM
SUNDAYS:
 2:00-7:00PM

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Fitness and Wellness
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